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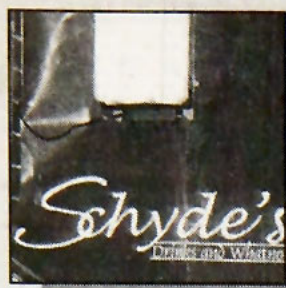
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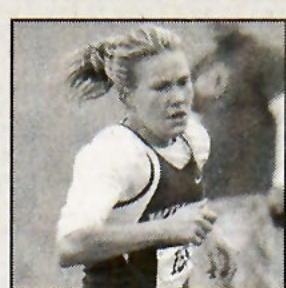
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New U tuition increase fuels student petition

Matthew Geiger
WINONAN

It's hard to find people at Winona State University who think the New University is a bad idea.

However, the benefits brought to Winona State through the New University program, a plan initiated by University President Darrell Krueger to make Winona State a better education for the price, will come with an increased financial burden to students.

That has prompted several students to circulate a petition, not against the New University itself, but against the proposed \$1,000 tuition increase associated with it.

Mick Reis, a student senator who supports the petition, agrees that the New University has a lot of good aspects.

"However, I do think that the tuition increase will put an excessive financial burden on students," Reis said. "Winona State has a history of being affordable and accessible. The way it stands now, the New University would adversely affect that."

According to university student senate Vice President Tim Donahue, the university plans to add an increasing New University fee to tuition starting next year.

The fee would start at \$250 and increase by \$250 each year for three years after that, potentially leveling out at a yearly \$1,000 fee. The fee for the 2005-06 school year would be \$250. The fee would increase to \$500 the next year, \$750 the next and would be \$1,000 for 2008-09.

"The New University fee would be in addition to the usual 15 percent

"The tuition increase will put an excessive financial burden on students."

Mick Reis
Student senator

tuition increase each year," Donahue said.

Donahue said he knows how hard it is for students to pay tuition now, without the New University fee. He said the

goal is to get 2,500 to 3,000 students to sign the petition.

"This petition is about increasing the power of the student voice on campus," he said.

Donahue said he has been involved with the New University visioning committees, as a consultant and student representative since the beginning, and feels it is his responsibility to represent the interests of students.

Craig Pearson, a student senator in his third year at Winona State, said he started the petition to inform students about the New University and see how other students felt about the tuition increase.

"Most have responded by signing the petition saying it is the wrong time to have an increase in tuition," Pearson said.

As of last week, there had not been a formal meeting between administration and students concerned with the increase, though administration is not oblivious to the issue.

"Vice President (Steve) Richardson stopped by the student senate office, asking about the petition," Pearson said.

Though the petition was started by a senator, senate has not taken a stance on the petition, said Donahue.

He added that about 20 senators have already signed the petition, most of them upset that the \$1,000 New University fee would not include the new wellness center.

Senators had understood that the wellness center fee and New University fee would be combined, but according to Donahue, the current plan is to charge students a separate tuition fee of \$75 a year for the wellness center.

Diversity hall idea receives mixed reviews

■ Proposed 'Diversity Hall' gets yea from Winona State Student Senate, nay from Inter-Residence Hall Council

Joanna Chiquist
WINONAN

Winona State University students might have a new option for on-campus living next year.

The proposed Diversity Hall will bring students interested in living with other culturally diverse students together.

Winona State's Inter-Residence Hall Council decided not to take a stance on the issue after it was brought to them by student senator Mick Reis.

"It's a regretful circumstance," Reis said.

According to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, proposals only need to be brought to student senate for student approval, Reis said.

"IRHC doesn't need to approve it," he said.

The Diversity Hall, either a hall or floor, will be set up for all students to live in and feel welcome, despite gender, race, religion or sexuality, Reis said.

Reis said if IRHC decides to discuss the diversity proposal, he would like to attend the discussion.

Besides informing IRHC, the proposal was sent to the Inter Faculty Organization, President Darrell Krueger and Vice President of Student Affairs Cal Winbush, Reis said.

The Diversity Hall proposal needs to be sent to all five constituency groups, and if accepted, a committee will be formed with members from each of the different groups, Reis said.

Student senate voted to support the Diversity Hall. Reis said he hopes that the hall proposal will be added to the Cultural Diversity Plan.

As the proposal is currently stated, students who live in the Diversity Hall will be able to receive credits by planning lectures to present to other students and by attending other students' lectures on diversity.

"If students don't want to have to take a Cultural Diversity course for University Studies we can give them this option and they can just 'go home' instead," Reis said.

Ezra Kazee, member of IRHC, said he likes the idea of a Diversity Hall, even though IRHC has a "no-stance" regarding the proposal.

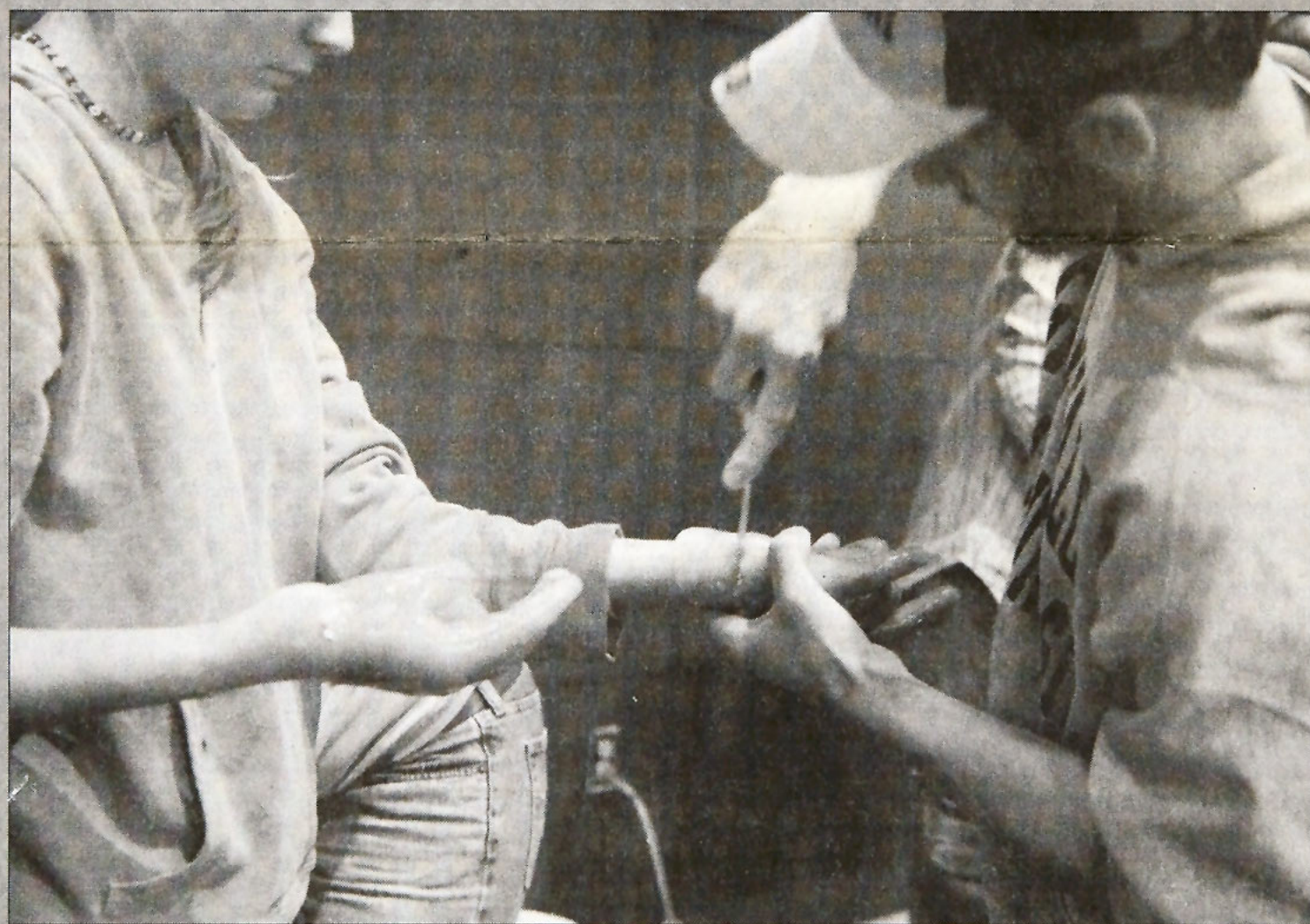
"I'd jump at the opportunity to live there," Kazee said.

Exposing students to various backgrounds will help with future career moves and give students a broader view, Kazee said.

The idea of a theme-based living environment is at many other schools. Both Minnesota State University-Mankato and St. Cloud State University have special interest living floors for students in the dorms.

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Wax on, wax off . . .



Ashley Camper/WINONAN

At a University Programming and committee Activities event last week students dipped their hands in wax to make colorful and creative hand sculptures. The free activity proved popular among students — many were waiting in line to get a chance to dip one or both hands.

Campus clubs see membership increase

B.J. Puttbrese
WINONAN

To the Winona State University students that hail the university as boring, Joe Reed, student union director, says, "You might just be lazy."

"There is absolutely a club or organization for everyone at Winona State," Reed said. "And if there isn't one a student likes, they can start their own."

There are 110 student clubs and organizations at Winona State, ranging in focus from academia to ultimate Frisbee.

Reed estimated that six clubs are added each year, but there is a turnover rate and some clubs don't last for more than one or two years.

Reed said 15 to 20 percent of the 8,000 students on campus participate in a club or organization.

With 1,600 students participating,

each club averages about 14 members.

Brianna Gallett, president of the American Marketing Association on campus, said membership has been going up over the past few years.

Gallett said AMA had more than 70 people show up for its first meeting of the year, up 25 people from the year before.

Reed said Greek clubs on campus have made a strong comeback in recent years.

Christian groups, cultural diversity organizations and clubs that promote awareness of causes have all gained great presence at the university, Reed said.

"Students are getting involved because they aren't afraid of what they are," Reed said.

Student involvement has not always been high at Winona State.

"When I got here 15 years ago, Winona State was still very much a

party college," Reed said.

University President Darrell Krueger is to be credited for raising the standards of admissions at the school and, in turn, getting improved students, Reed said.

"Students are definitely more involved than they were 10 years ago," Reed said. "I attribute that to Winona State attracting better students."

Reed said the 2004 Club Fair was a good example of the increased student activity.

"The only complaint we had about the Club Fair was that it was 'too crowded,' and if that's as bad as the complaining gets, I'll have a good year," Reed said.

That still leaves 6,400 students not participating.

Reed said some working students "unfortunately" don't have a choice on whether they participate in a club because of the financial burden of

going to college.

The other students not getting involved can be blamed on apathy and laziness, Reed said.

He said he speaks to freshman about the importance of getting involved on campus.

Reed said he has a theory about the relationship between students' academic work and activities; Students are in class four hours a day, but the 20 hours a student spends outside the classroom are just as important to his or her "well-rounded" university experience.

"When I was in college, I was in the UPAC group, played baseball, was the vice president of a fraternity and did work study," Reed said. "Little did I know that what I did outside the classroom would impact my career."

Club information and start-up kits are available in Reed's office in the lower level of Kryzsko Commons.

News

winona weather

today:



high: low:
61 45

Partly cloudy today with ten percent chance of precipitation. Highs are anticipated in the low sixties; with lows in the mid forties.

thursday



Isolated t-storms

high: low:
62 52

friday



Showers

high: low:
64 45

saturday



Partly cloudy

high: low:
58 37

sunday



Partly cloudy

high: low:
58 41

extended outlook

The week will start out partly cloudy moving into isolated thunderstorms and showers, finishing off with partial clouds.

source: weather.com

Signs dispute IRHC election policy

Joanna Chinquist
WINONAN

Signs bearing anti-Inter-Residence Hall Council messages were found in Winona State University dorms during the last couple weeks.

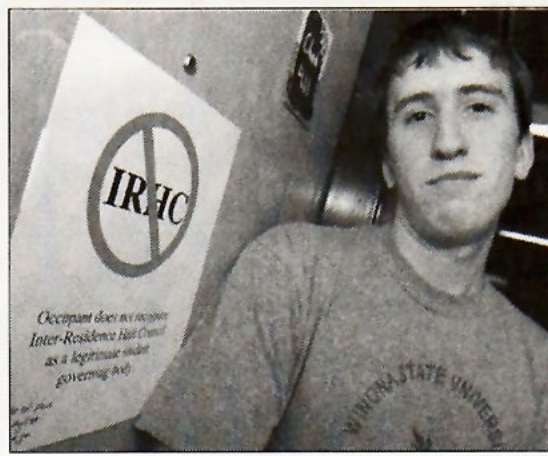
Chad Thomas, student senate's parliamentary advisor, said he placed a sign on his door in Prentiss Hall because students don't get to vote directly for Inter-Residence Hall Council executive members.

Students who live in the dorms elect general members, but IRHC representatives elect the executive members through an internal election at the end of the school year for the next year's members.

One sign had IRHC in a red circle with a slash through it. Similar signs were seen in the Quad and at East Lake.

"I haven't given signs to anyone," said Thomas, who didn't know where the other signs originated from.

Mick Reis, student senator, said he had a sign on his door at East Lake because there isn't any formal representation for IRHC from the East Lake Apartments.



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Winona State student Chad Thomas protested Inter-Residence Hall Council's internal elections for the executive board with a sign on his dorm room door.

"It is inappropriate for IRHC to count East Lake under their jurisdiction without representation," Reis said.

The East Lake apartments has not chosen to set up representation at this time.

IRHC President John Huggenvik said any student living in the residence halls can run for an executive position.

"It is a completely open process," he said.

As of Monday afternoon, Huggenvik

said he only knew of one sign posted in any of the on-campus dorms.

"I think this is an isolated incident," Huggenvik said. "In regards to elections, we (members of IRHC) feel we are the best judge of who should be an executive board member."

Ezra Kazee, executive secretary of IRHC, said he was disappointed about the signs, but he agrees students have the right to the freedom of speech.

University Student Senate President Dusty Finke said he hadn't heard of the signs around campus but he also said it's a free speech issue.

Finke said he thinks IRHC's election process is done with the hope of electing informed executive officers.

"We still do it in the United States with the electoral college," Finke said.

Huggenvik said, "We are more than willing to talk to anyone with concerns about IRHC. Our sole purpose is what will best represent the residence halls."

IRHC meetings are open to all students and are held Sunday nights at 9 p.m.

Diversity

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Cindy Killion, mass communications professor and a member of the diversity council, said that she doesn't "fully support" the idea of the Diversity Hall.

Killion said she would rather take a different approach to cultural diversity and have Winona State's

administration take a stronger interest and actively implement the Cultural Diversity Plan.

"On one hand it's nice," Killion said. "But it would segregate students from the community."

Monument to mark Wellstone crash site

EVELETH, Minn. (AP) — It's been two years since Sen. Paul Wellstone, his wife and daughter and five others died in a plane crash here, and a new memorial will honor their lives.

The Wellstone Memorial and Historic Site will include a walking trail and monument near the site of the crash in a swamp two miles south of the local airport. A design will be revealed Tuesday near the crash site.

"It's really a place of remembrance of our friends who died," said Bill Lofy, communications director for Wellstone Action. "It's also a historic site. We think it's a place where Minnesotans from

across the state will come to honor their memories."

An interpretive trail featuring information plaques about the crash victims will encircle an area not far from the crash site, Lofy said. The trail would allow visitors to see the crash site from a distance of about 2,000 feet but would not lead to the actual crash site, which is on private land, he said.

"It's a pretty elaborate design," Lofy said. "The trail will go along a boardwalk to the northwest but not to the northeast, the direction of the crash site."

Wellstone and his wife, Sheila, and their daughter, Marcia Markuson, along

with three campaign workers and two pilots, died in the Oct. 25, 2002, when the plane crashed and burst into flames.

The campaign workers were Will McLaughlin, Tom Lopic and Mary McEvoy. Richard Conry and Michael Guess were the pilots.

Friends of the Wellstone family, Wellstone Action officials, United Steelworkers of America leaders, and Iron Range state representatives and senators are expected to attend a news conference unveiling the design.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 20

New University Brown Bag Dialogue: "Culture of Community," noon, Maxwell Teleconference Center

Oct. 21

In the Wake of Fascism Lecture/Film Series: "Bonhoeffer," 7 p.m., Stark Auditorium
Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority Recruitment, 7:30 p.m., Purple Room 104

Oct. 22

WSU-RC Counselor Education Department, Workshop Series, 4 to 10 p.m., AT 103
Benefactor Recognition Dinner, 6 p.m., Kryzsko Commons

Science Lab Center Dedication, 9:30 a.m., Laboratory Demonstrations and Tours; 1:30 p.m., Entertainment; 2 p.m., Formal

Dedication

Lois Quam, guest-speaker, 10 a.m., Performing Arts Center Recital Hall

Oct. 23

WSU-RC Counselor Education Department, Workshop Series, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., AT 103

Scholarship Recognition Breakfast, 8 a.m., Lourdes Hall

Winona Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Performing Arts Center Main Stage

Oct. 24

Student Recital, Heather Klenke, trumpet, 4 p.m., Performing Arts Center Recital Hall

17-year-old Rochester boy pleads guilty to eight church burglaries

ROCHESTER, Minn. (AP) — A teenager pleaded guilty in the recent burglaries of eight churches here.

The 17-year-old Rochester boy pleaded guilty Friday in Olmsted County Juvenile Court to eight counts of aiding and abetting burglary in the third degree. The boy told Judge Debra Jacobson that he and two others committed the burglaries because they

wanted drug money.

As part of a plea agreement, eight counts of first-degree criminal damage to property were dismissed and the boy won't be certified as an adult.

According to a juvenile petition, the boy participated in seven church burglaries between Sept. 28

and Oct. 3 and one Sept. 23. Losses and damages are estimated at \$25,000.

At Christ Our Rock Lutheran Church, a safe containing papers, cash and offerings totaling \$14,569 from four Sundays were taken along

with a \$500 digital camera. The church also reported \$500 in damage to a window.

A 16-year-old boy is also charged with burglary and criminal damage to property. A man identified as another suspect hasn't been charged.

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CAMPUS SECURITY

Oct. 15 — At 10:20 a.m. a parent phoned security and indicated he hasn't heard from his daughter for about a week and is concerned. Security eventually located the daughter.

Oct. 18 — At 9:45 a.m. a parent phoned security concerned about their daughter. The daughter

was located and everything is fine. Parents contacted.

Oct. 14 — At 11:15 p.m. a student was cited for a housing violation in the Quad. The matter was referred to the hall director.

Oct. 16 — At 11:40 a.m. a fire alarm was activated at Tau.

It was found to be a false alarm.

Oct. 18 — At 12:32 a.m. a parent contacted security and was concerned about their daughter and were unable to locate her. The student was eventually located and the parents were notified.

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Kathy and Steve Delano have been married for almost 41 years. They have lived at 257 W. Broadway in Winona for over 33 years. Kathy is a 1996 graduate of WSU.

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Downtown bar scene

Schyde's cited for 100 patrons over limit

Nathan Bortz
WINONAN

The Winona Police Department fined Schyde's Drinks and Whatnot \$205 on Thursday, Oct. 7 for having nearly 100 patrons above the bar's capacity limit.

Winona Police Chief Frank Pomeroy said according to Minnesota State Fire Code, Schyde's can hold 171 people.

On Oct. 7, officers counted 226 people inside the bar, 30 to 40 waiting to enter and about 20 running away.

Pomeroy said he notified four downtown college bars, Schyde's, Brother's Birthday Bar, Rascals and Bulls-Eye Beer Hall about the checks.

"I sent letters to them on Sept. 13 telling them about problems with over-capacity, so they had a couple of

weeks to bring down the number of patrons," he said.

"I would guess those who ran away had a problem with improper identification," Pomeroy said.

Police also cited three patrons for minor consumption and one for not having identification.

Pomeroy said that if there had been more patrons inside who were under the age of 21, or without identification, Schyde's would have been brought in front of Winona City Council to have their liquor license revoked.

"I don't think these numbers are high enough to revoke their liquor license," Pomeroy said. "Years back, when the bar was called Mingle's, we found 80 minors inside drinking. City council revoked their license and the bar went out of business."

Pomeroy said downtown bar owners should want to obey the capacity ratings because if there is an accident, the owners are liable.

"We are hoping that the owners see the problem, get our notice and want to comply. They are putting themselves at risk — if there was a fire, they are at great liability," he said.

According to Pomeroy, capacity checks will continue because there are too many people in the bars, due mostly to cheap drink specials and not enough officers to keep downtown Winona safe.

"When bar fights break out, my officers can't get to the combatants because everyone is elbow-to-elbow and drunk. Then Brother's kicks out 150 kids, Schyde's kicks out 200 to 250 and it's hard to quiet them down," he

said.

Pomeroy said he is also concerned about over consumption.

"Kids are drinking more and for longer periods of time because the bars are giving booze away," he said. "Officers are testing these kids for their blood-alcohol content and some of them are over 0.3 — that can kill them."

Pomeroy said in 1996, the Winona Police Department began a plan called Community Policing, which allows officers to enforce laws related to alcohol and drug over-use.

Since 1996, alcohol-related crimes in downtown bars have decreased. But Pomeroy said this school year is already worse than past years.

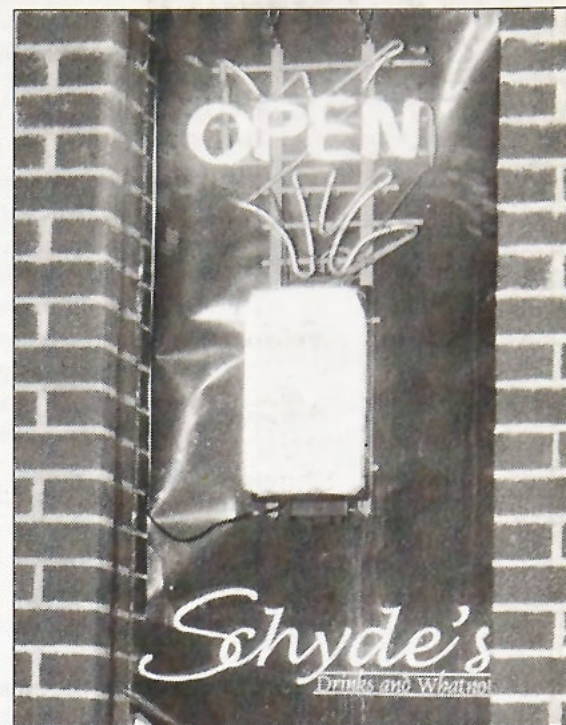
"We thought we had a handle on (fights and over-

crowding) before, but now there are more fights breaking out," he said. "Because of Community Policing, crime has dropped by 50 percent and felonies have dropped by 62 percent (since 1996). So it works, we just need these establishments to cooperate."

Two other Winona bars, Swede's and Mulligan's, were inspected that same night, but neither bar was in violation of their capacity limits.

"We wanted to check one of the four bars we sent letters to and in order to be fair, we checked other bars in the area," Pomeroy said.

To ensure safety, Winona police plan to continue checking area bars for over-capacity on a regular basis.



Latrishia Green/WINONAN

Schyde's Drinks and Whatnot was one of four downtown bars checked for over-capacity by Winona police last Thursday. Schyde's was ticketed and given a \$205 fine.

Bush to visit Rochester Wednesday

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — President Bush will speak in Rochester on Wednesday, the Bush-Cheney campaign announced Sunday.

Bush's theme will be the economy, and the event is scheduled for 12:20 p.m. The venue has not yet been announced, said Bush's Minnesota spokesman, Peter Hong. Bush's other stops for Wednesday include Mason City, Iowa, and Eau Claire, Wis.

The president's visit will be sandwiched between Minnesota appearances announced earlier for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry and running mate John Edwards.

Kerry will speak at a rally on Thursday somewhere in the Twin Cities. The place, time and ticket arrangements have not been announced, but the event will be free and open to the public.

Edwards is scheduled to speak in Hibbing on Tuesday at the Memorial Building. Doors to the public event open at 5 p.m. Tickets can be downloaded at the campaign's Web site — www.johnkerry.com/ironrange — or picked up at the DFL Party offices in Hibbing, Mountain Iron and Grand Rapids, among other places.

Recent polls suggest Minnesota is leaning slightly toward Kerry after

weeks of being a tossup, but that the state is by no means out of Bush's reach.

Kerry's last visit to Minnesota was an event in Rochester Sept. 8. Edwards was in Minnesota last Sunday, when he spoke in Maple Grove. Bush spoke in Chanhassen on Oct. 9, and Vice President Dick Cheney visited Rochester on Tuesday.

Former U of M professor wins Nobel economics prize

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Edward C. Prescott, the former University of Minnesota professor awarded the 2004 Nobel Prize for economics, made discipline a staple for the budding economists he mentored, a former student said.

"He essentially forces you to think," said V.V. Chari, a University of Minnesota professor who studied under Prescott at Carnegie Mellon University. "He spends a great deal of time on what seems like irrelevant detail. But forcing yourself to think about irrelevant detail is a way to get you to be disciplined."

"He's just the best teacher I ever had, by an order of magnitude."

Prescott, 63, and Finn E. Kydland, 60, of Norway were honored by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences for their work in determining the consistency of economic policy and the driving force behind business cycles worldwide.

"It was a revolution in thought," Prescott, a teacher at Arizona State University since 2003, said a few hours after learning of the award. "I'm sort of in a daze — on autopilot."

Prescott, who taught at Minnesota from 1980-98 and again from 1999-2003, continues to serve as senior monetary adviser at the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank, which on Monday was planning a party for him.

"This is very exciting, and

certainly well-deserved," said Gary Stern, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. "(Prescott) has made some very important and exciting contributions to economics. Not only that — he has stimulated a lot of research from others and with others."

Kydland teaches at Carnegie Mellon, a Pittsburgh school, and the University of California at Santa Barbara. The men will share a \$1.3 million award for their research.

The academy said the men made fundamental contributions in showing that driving forces behind business cycle fluctuations and the design of economic policy are key areas in macro-economic research — and also for the practice of monetary and fiscal policy in many countries.

Prescott said vast progress is being made in the field of economics.

"This is the golden era of economics. We are making such incredible progress in understanding things," he said. "I happen to be around the right place at the right time."

Stern, in explaining the research, said the pair's work on "consistency" shows that policy makers, rather than taking one course of action, may decide to pursue one policy — say, price stability — while at the same time adopting a small dose of another policy, such as inflation.

In their research on what drives business cycles, Prescott and

Kydland determined that a "supply side shock" — such as a new technology that boosts production — may have a bigger effect on how the economy performs than traditional fiscal and monetary policy, Stern said.

Prescott provides information on all kinds of issues at the Federal Reserve, from productivity and employment to stock prices, he said.

"I ask Ed all sorts of questions," Stern said. "For example, one of the things I've asked him about is, 'Why has Japan struggled in the last 10 or 12 years? Help us understand their problems and why they have fallen so far below their performance of the 1970s and '80s.'"

Chari, who wrote his doctoral dissertation on business cycles, recalled that Prescott insisted he articulate his positions "in words that you could explain to your grandmother." Asked if Prescott often made him do things over, he said, "Not just once — hundreds of times!"

Art Rolnick, director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, said Prescott's diligence has helped turn the local Federal Reserve branch into a center for research. Thanks to Prescott's initiative, he said, U of M graduate students routinely work there as interns.

"He's just a major force in our profession," Rolnick said.

The Winonan is currently accepting applications for the Editor-in-Chief position starting Fall 2005. Please submit a cover letter, resume, writing samples and references by Nov. 1 to Adam Crowson at the Winonan, or e-mail the required materials to winonan@winona.edu.

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U of M-Morris student missing after fishing trip

TWO HARBORS, Minn. (AP) — A college student who went fishing in the forests of northeastern Minnesota two weeks ago and hasn't been seen since remained missing on Tuesday.

Nathaniel Williams, 21, told his roommates at the University of Minnesota-Morris that he was going on a fishing trip. He was expected to return home Sunday, but didn't.

His vehicle was found by authorities in

northeastern Minnesota's Lake County, north of Two Harbors. Police believe he was traveling alone.

Morris police are collaborating with law enforcement in Lake County to find him. Authorities planned to resume the search on Tuesday.

Williams is white, with brown hair and hazel eyes. He weighs 160 pounds and stands six feet tall. He's believed to have a shaved head and a mustache.

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Present war needs help from Nobel Prize winner

"It's important for people to see that they are part of the environment and that they take responsibility for it," Wangari Maathai said in an interview with Norwegian broadcaster TV2.

"When natural resources get scarce, wars are started. If we improve the management of our natural resources we help promote peace" (Bloomberg Oct. 8).

I inserted this quote above because I found it applicable in the world today. I hoped it would ring in your ears like it did my own.

Maathai of Kenya became the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize for her work to promote democracy, protect the environment and improve social conditions.

Maathai, 64, founded the Green Belt Movement, which has

Zach Taylor
Op/Ed COLUMNIST

planted 30 million trees since its beginning in 1977.

The Nobel Peace Prize is not normally given out to environmentalists and the selection of Maathai came as a surprise to some people (Bloomberg Oct. 8).

Peace is an ideal that I believe is possible, but the reality of the world contradicts this ideal. We

are at war with terror, with hold-out forces in Iraq and with hold-out forces in Afghanistan. With the world's strongest military might, we hunt down the iconoclastic terrorist, Osama bin Laden, but his fame grows with each day that passes in which he avoids apprehension. I worry that this fame gives power to bin Laden and his associates and I am beginning to wonder if the war on terror is backfiring against our nation.

Certainly, Americans have bought into the idea that there is a need for a war on terror, but how this war should be fought is a question at the center of political debate.

Should the United States have retaliated to the attacks on Sept. 11, by invading what can be described vaguely as a loosely

connected third party?

If it were even in the realm of possibility, should our government continue the War on Terror by breeding democratic governments worldwide?

If and when the United States military apprehends bin Laden, what solace will it bring to the victims of his terrorism?

It seems unlikely that the War on Terror against the United States (we must care for ourselves first) can be won simply by the capture of this one man. President Bush has made it clear that he believes we can hunt down the terrorist forces so that United States citizens will be safe. But I truly believe that the fight against terror isn't a black and white military issue.

We need a peaceful solution to terrorism, not one that breeds escalating violence against oppos-

ing nations and our own. A U.S. foreign policy that supports despotic regimes like Saudia Arabia can no longer be justified no matter how low the price of oil gets. The United States should focus on the management of recourses, the protection of environment, and investment in new sources of energy.

The best way out of Iraq and the Middle East is to drop oil as a viable energy source and stop hoarding the world's supply.

Incidentally, the world's supply of oil is projected to be eliminated within the next fifty years.

Maybe the U.S. War on Terror could use a little help and guidance by the Nobel Prize winner so that we may achieve peace.

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'Hogline' reunion an experience for college kid

On Saturday, while many of you were either watching the Warriors beat Northern State, watching the Gophers take a Spartan schlacking or watching the Badgers squeak one out, I got a cultural experience.

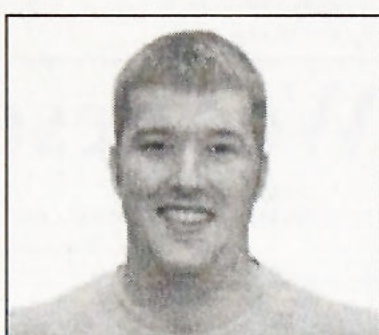
I got to cover an east-end reunion for current and former Winonans who at one time lived on the "Hogline."

The hogline was an old phrase that referred to the neighborhoods on the east side of Mankato Avenue. Mankato Avenue was the hogline because of the stockyards, slaughterhouses and processing plants.

So, it's official. I'm a townie.

The reunion was a good experience in a Winona history lesson of all sorts.

Elderly and adults, just reaching the retirement age, were around telling stories, looking at pho-

Adam Crowson
EDITOR IN CHIEF

tographs, sparking more memories, which led to more stories.

One of the most interesting was the tale that Ed Wantock told me about the Left Handers' club — featured in one photo where men and women cross-dressed for a Halloween party.

Wantock and Joe Lewinski,

owner of Blanche's Tavern where the Left Handers club did their business, were sitting around the bar at Blanche's with a bunch of other guys and came up with this silly idea: how long can you go without using your right hand to drink.

If a person used his right hand to drink, then that person had to buy the next round of drinks. Wantock said it was pretty tough not to use your right hand, since most used their right hand 90 percent of the time.

But the Left Handers club went beyond a bunch of guys having a good time in one of East Winona's many great townie bars.

The Left Handers club also had a gambling license — and quite honestly, a lot of good can be done with a gambling license.

Wantock, who was also the club's first president, said the club

used the money they made from people's gambling to donate to different organizations in their neighborhoods.

There were a lot of stories like this, Saturday, at the East End reunion.

The people — many of them first, second or third generation Polish immigrants — on hand were there to reminisce about the good old times, where people would help one another out.

As an outsider, it was unique to see the camaraderie, friendship and joy these people had in coming together at the Winona Athletic Club, especially since many of the people hadn't seen one another in many years.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There are more than
two choices

"Flip-flopper!" "Idiot!" "Best hair in politics!" Blubbery moron!" With the upcoming election growing closer and closer, one finds it difficult to avoid being bombarded with political advertisements, analytical commentary, and of course, the endless supply of propaganda. All of these political shenanigans have started to get on my nerves and I'm curious if there is anyway to put in my two cents without voting for a candidate I have doubts about?

Both John Kerry and George W. Bush are engaging in separate campaigns which focus more on character assassination and scare tactics than they do on actual issues. I personally would rather John Kerry take office because of the "lesser of two evils" mentality, but luckily my idealism always surfaces at exactly the right moment. I, personally, will not be settling for any "lesser of two evils."

Ralph Nader has been under personal attack by the Democrats because he has decided to run for President, but the average voter who snickers because of Nader's so-called fruitless efforts should take a closer look at voting for a presidential candidate who actually represents his or her core values and ideas for a better America.

Voting for a third party candidate is not in any way throwing away your vote, or giving President Bush a "free vote." Instead, voting for what you really believe in is called being an idealist, the dying breed of people who would never settle for the lesser of two evils. I want to remind people that Minnesota has given all its electoral votes to a Democrat for over 30 years, and even though we are a swing state this year maybe we could risk trying to bring a third party into the spotlight because of our Democratic record. If a third

party candidate gets more than 5 percent of the votes for one state, his party's funding goes up dramatically. Yes, that's right, an election with more than two choices for president.

For those students who aren't going to vote because you don't see either Kerry or Bush as being the kind of president you want, I strongly urge you to take a closer look at the Green, Reform, and Libertarian candidates. If you know how to use Google, you know how to find information about any candidate you want.

Most of all, my fellow students, I hope you vote. Whether it is for Kerry, Nader, Bush (aargh), Cobb, or even for one of the many Socialist candidates, it is your responsibility as a citizen to vote on Nov. 2. See you at the polls.

Ginger Fride
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Recycling Aluminum cans

Everyone knows that recycling helps the environment, but most residents of Winona county may not be aware that it can also help build homes in our own community. The Winona County Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International invites everyone interested in improving the quality of life locally, to participate in the aluminum can recycling program. We especially would like to encourage churches, civic groups, businesses, and school organizations to help the students of Winona State University and St. Mary's University to collect 2,000 more pounds of cans before Dec. 31. The money raised from can recycling is used on local building projects.

This program is the perfect way for citizens of Winona County to demonstrate their commitment to community services in a simple and convenient way. Just collect bags of cans and take them to Matejka Recycling at 818 W.

Third St. and tell them the cans are for the Habitat For Humanity. Or you may call 457-0003 and someone from Habitat will pick them up. Habitat will use the money to better the lives of deserving families by helping them to become homeowners.

Sarah Hoffman
WSU Campus chapter
President
I've just a few quick questions

Question for Gene Pelowski

for Gene Pelowski before the upcoming election.

Why do you take PAC money from the Trial Lawyers?

Why do you take PAC money from Indian tribes, when there are no formal tribes or casinos in 31A?

Why do you take PAC money from the IFO?

Do your supporters know that you are on the "No New Taxes" list with the Taxpayers League of Minnesota?

Why did you vote against the bill that created JOBZ, the same bill that passed without your support that Winona Canoe is benefiting from (job creation)?

Do you think your job is to simply get pork barrel money from the state for the university? Do you call it a day after that. What about the rest of the district?

How many bills have you authored and passed in the last 5 years, other than higher ed pork?

Thanks for banning harmful dishwasher soap.

Chris Shimanski
Junior
Finance/EconomicsBush is wrong choice for
nation

I am writing to you with great concern on the direction that my nation is heading. The current Bush administration is leading the nation into the wrong direction. It makes me want to question who exactly is Bush serving? It is clearly obvious that he is not serv-

ing the interests of our nation and is great out of touch. During the past four years the United States has experienced a dramatic increase in the amount of new jobs created. Now that Bush let the assault weapons ban expire, it is easier for terrorists to obtain deadly weapons to inflict upon innocent Americans. This is an example of how an inadequate President leads the United States and change is needed.

I urge my fellow students at Winona State to wake up and realize the wrong path the Bush administration is leading this nation. Right now Sen. John Kerry represents a beacon of change that this nation deserves. Sen. Kerry has a plan to reduce our tuition, lower the cost of our health care and to create more jobs for us. Bush's plan of consists of more of the same corruption, same gaps in national security and the same rising costs in tuition and healthcare. On Nov. 2, let's send this idiot back to the Texas village he came from and elect Sen. John Kerry to lead our nation back on to the correct path.

Jared Stene
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The facts on Birthright

Several weeks ago, a letter was printed in the Winonan regarding the Birthright ads that have been running in the college newspaper. The statements presented by Patterson and Goberville were unwarranted and lacked the facts. It is interesting that they chose NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League) to base their information on. Had they gone directly to the international website of Birthright, www.birthright.org, they could have gotten credible and thorough information. Birthright has a long history and a fine track record for helping women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Patterson and Goberville begin

their letter by attacking the Birthright ad, but then go on to criticizing CPC's (crisis pregnancy centers), in general. From their perspective, the main issue is that Birthright does not offer all options to women in crisis pregnancy situations, and there are no referrals to "real" medical clinics. I can speak for Birthright, as I have been a volunteer there for several years.

The name "Birthright" evolved from the guiding principle that "it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born." Birthright is free, non-profit, inter-denominational, international organization staffed by trained volunteers. Birthright provides free and anonymous pregnancy tests. In addition, maternity and baby clothes are provided to those who need them. Birthright consults with and refers clients to professional people, such as physicians, lawyers, psychologist, clergy of all faiths, and social service agencies. Women are given accurate information about the health and psychological risks of abortion.

Birthright volunteers provide a listening ear and constructive referrals to agencies that can assist a young woman in need. What you will not find at Birthright are referrals to agencies that perform abortions. That would run contrary to the philosophy of Birthright that is stated above. For more information, the Birthright web site is a great place to gather helpful and accurate information.

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Et Cetera

Profs perform in jazz recital

Heather Stanek
WINONAN

A trumpet soloist will perform in a faculty recital at Winona State University on Oct. 26.

Richard Hammergren will play several jazz pieces with the accompaniment of four other Winona State professors.

Hammergren said the group will play songs composed by several famous Grammy-winning jazz artists, including John Coltrane, Miles Davis and Freddy Hubbard.

Some of the songs include "The Theme," by Miles Davis, "Sky Dive," by Freddy Hubbard, and "The Promise," by John Coltrane.

He said they also will play an award-winning song by renowned jazz player Vince Guaraldi.

Each song has its own unique characteristics, such as the rhythm changes in "The Theme," Hammergren said.

He said "Sky Dive" also has an interesting sound because it originated in the Rock Fusion period of jazz, a time when jazz improvisation was blended with the rhythms of rock music.

Hammergren has been playing since junior high school and has performed for several television shows, movies, and plays.

He also is known for performing in the Jerry Lewis and Easter Seals telethons, as well as the Academy Awards.

His last appearance in a movie soundtrack was for the Arnold Schwarzenegger film "True Lies," as well as the animated features, "An American Tale," and its sequel, "Fievel Goes West."

Another interesting series of films he has played for include the first three James Bond movies.

Hammergren said he wanted to do a

recital because he has been thinking about it for a long time and wishes to reveal the expression of jazz to students.

It also is a good opportunity to share music and "inspire young musicians," he said.

Hammergren is currently involved with the Faculty Jazz Quintet, a group of music educators including Rich MacDonald, Larry Price, Mike James and Eric Graham.

Rich MacDonald, a Winona State music professor and percussionist, said the group was established in 2000, but

The group last performed in the Art Tye Lounge on Oct. 7, and the upcoming faculty recital is another good opportunity to raise awareness for jazz music, he said.

MacDonald said the recital also is a chance for students to experience the difference between hearing the music and actually seeing it performed.

"It's kind of like getting a CD of the Foo Fighters and then going to a concert," he said.

The one-hour recital will be held at 7:30 in the recital hall of the Performing Arts Center, and tickets will cost \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

Both men agreed that one of the most interesting aspects of jazz people will enjoy is that it involves improvisation by players.

"It is the one form of music in which true self-expression is allowed to manifest. You'll never hear one jazz song played the same way twice," Hammergren said.

MacDonald said improvisation makes jazz entertaining to listen to and play.

"It's new every time," he said.

Another aspect of jazz that might surprise students is how informal it is compared to other kinds of music.

"[Jazz] was born in brothels and bars and nightclubs. We want people to come to a jazz concert and feel more relaxed," he said.

Hammergren said besides encouraging jazz students to learn and practice music more often, he would like the concert will help the audience take pleasure in jazz.

"I hope everyone will feel the simplest sense of joy of the music. You don't need a deep understanding—that is what's so great about music," he said.



Contributed photo

Mark Christenson (left) and Rick Snyder were part of a folk group together in their late 20s. Tonight, the duo will be playing in Winona again, just like the good ol' days.

Folk musicians reunite after 30 years apart

Will Maravelas
WINONAN

Two Winona musicians, Mark Christenson and Rick Snyder, played folk and bluegrass music together in their late 20s, but their group eventually broke-up.

After 30 years of gigs with other bands or not playing at all, the two have reunited and will be playing Oct. 22 at the Acoustic Café as this month's featured artists.

The show will feature more than just the duo. Snyder's daughter Melody, a Winona State University student studying music, will be doing the lead vocals for a number of songs.

Diedrick Benz will also be joining the group on bass guitar.

Rick Snyder, a Winona State alumnus said he and Christenson have known each other since 1967.

"We are old Winona locals," Snyder said.

The group specializes in bluegrass and folk covers, but will also play some of their originals.

Snyder calls their original works "story songs" about growing up in Winona.

They have written a song about the "Morgan block" and what they use to do there in the old days.

The Morgan block is an old Winona city block that was located across from the Acoustic Café on Lafayette Street that was torn apart years ago to make way for new streets.

"The lyrics are just as important as the melody," said Snyder. "Both are equally important."

Christenson and Snyder have taken very different routes on their

respective musical journeys.

"Mark has been playing all these years," Snyder said.

On the other hand, Snyder said he took some time off from playing music, but was inspired to play again recently.

As a duo, Christenson and Snyder have already played a few shows in the Winona and Rochester areas.

The group plans to play a long set which will feature a variety of music from Dolly Parton, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, and some of their original material.

Snyder said he looks forward to playing and creating music with Christenson.

"[Christenson] honors me by playing with me," Snyder said. "He's a pro."

He added, "He is an amazing guitarist and an inspiring human being."

Snyder and Christenson have small recording studios in their basement that allows the musicians to share their music with the rest of Winona.

"We just want to get our music out for people to enjoy," said Snyder. "We aren't looking to be rock stars or make money."

Their multi-song demos will be available free of charge at their shows, but in limited numbers.

The duo isn't about getting rich or becoming famous, Snyder said.

"We have jobs that pay the bills," said Snyder. "We just want the opportunity to play."

Snyder said he is excited to perform with Benz and his daughter.

"We are going to turn the duo into a happening," said Snyder.

Low turnout for 'Coming Out Day'

GLBTA thinking about next year's celebration

Adam Krahn
WINONAN

After sponsoring a week's worth of student events focused on Oct. 11, the National Coming Out Day, leaders of the Winona State University Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Ally Partnership said they saw very few new faces.

GLBTA Partnership President Jason Staskus said that many students showed interest last Monday, asking questions and chatting with members at the club's information table in Kryzsko Commons. However, that interest wasn't reflected at the club's other events.

The HBO production of "Angels in America" was shown on two separate nights, but only one person that was not involved with GLBTA attended. Two dis-

cussion sessions ended up as improvised group meetings because only members and friends showed up, Vice President Matt Swanson said.

Though the group decided to have a weeklong observance to increase exposure and awareness of the club and what it represents, that decision may have been part of the problem, Swanson said.

"It was a good lesson in what not to do," Swanson said. The group should have organized one big day of activities, he said. He added that the approach of midterms and the three-day weekend might have kept people preoccupied.

Swanson said he was also disappointed in GLBTA Partnership members.

"Several people said they would get involved and I didn't see them all week."

If it was simply a bad time to sponsor events, the group may need to observe National Coming Out Day a week or two early next year, Swanson said, as it always falls on Oct. 11, marking the anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights.

Although the low turnout was frustrat-

ing, Swanson and Staskus hope that people were at least made aware of National Coming Out Day.

Staskus said that designating a single day provides a good focus to motivate the GLBTA Partnership and similar groups to get active by making a supportive community more visible.

"Coming out is a difficult process," he said. "I spent six months preparing for those couple minutes."

Swanson said that it's more than just a day; it's a symbol of a continuing struggle for acceptance and equality.

Staskus said he has seen an attitude of cynicism and apathy within the GLBTA community; and throughout his generation; creating the idea that individuals can't instigate change.

The Winona State GLBTA Partnership hasn't given up, though. The group is already planning to host some type of social event before the semester's end.

"We're not going to be set back by a couple of activities that weren't attended," Swanson said.

Minnesota town buzzing over upcoming film 'Wedding Photo'

MONTEVIDEO, Minn. (AP) — This time of year you might expect the buzz around Montevideo to focus on politics or the fall harvest. But those topics are taking a back seat to the talk about the actors in town filming a movie called "Wedding Photo."

Filming started Oct. 4 in this town of 5,340, and will continue for another two weeks. More than 60 crew and cast members are staying in motel rooms, homes and even a camper at the state park while the movie is shot. And scores of Montevideo residents have been hired as extras.

Actor sightings are common around

town these days. Alex Kingston from "ER" is there, along with Alan Cumming ("Spy Kids," "X2"), Ned Beatty ("Deliverance," "Showboat"), Tim Guinee ("Ladder 49"), and John Heard ("Home Alone 1, 2").

The film, which is being shot on a \$1 million budget, will be an adaptation of Minnesota author Will Weaver's story, "A Gravestone Made of Wheat."

Scenes from the movie bounce from the 1920's era to 1968 and the present. Its setting is the Minnesota farm landscape. The story deals with the family of a Norwegian immigrant farmer and his mail-order bride.

Tom Lieberman, executive director of the company created to produce "Wedding Photo," said the film's Twin Cities-based producers toured sites in Minnesota and western Wisconsin before picking Montevideo because it offered the authentic, agrarian landscape they sought.

Montevideo has been able to offer its historic Milwaukee Road depot and neighboring Chippewa Pioneer Village as sites for filming. The crew is also shooting scenes at Heritage Hill, just four miles east of town, where the Minnesota Valley Antique Farm and Power Machinery Association offered a trea-

sure trove of early century farm equipment for the production. The Swenson Farm Museum and private farm sites near Madison and Dawson have also provided settings.

The filmmakers have been peppering residents with requests for services and goods ranging from "animal wrangler" to 1920's horse-pulled grain wagons. There is no "animal wrangler" heading in the Yellow Pages, but Chamber of Commerce chief Lori Evenstad said there was no problem turning them up. Kurt Arner of rural Montevideo has served as the animal wrangler for the production, and his farm outside of

town has even been used for filming.

Evenstad said she called people all over two states before discovering the special, horse pulled wagons needed on a farm only 10 miles from town. She said local people are happy to go of their way to help the film crew find the historic items they need.

She said the movie has already sent ripples through the local economy, and she's hoping the release of the movie will bring some attention to Montevideo.

"What a wonderful marketing tool this will be," she said. "This has really been something special for us."

Slavic descendants gather for reunion in Iowa

ZEARING, Iowa (AP) — When Gary and Roxanne Mehlich held a reunion this month in their 100-year-old barn, it was more than a family gathering.

It was a gathering of the descendants of a small clutch of farms off County Road E-29, southeast of Zeiring. And it was also a celebration of a fading Slavic culture.

"We called it the Wenden Fest," said Roxanne Mehlich, "because we're proud of our Wendish heritage."

The Wends (pronounced, "vends") come from an area that until recently was behind the iron curtain in East Germany.

But even in the late 1800s, the Wend people, also known as the Sorbs,

already were oppressed under the Prussian rule, according to Roxanne Mehlich.

It was in 1856 that seven Wend families from the small town of Drachhausen, Germany, began to move to a two-square-mile area of Story County. They came in a "chain migration," with one family earning enough money to send for the next.

They came searching for the freedom to follow their Lutheran faith. They came because they feared army conscription, which was taking boys as young as 11 years old. And they came to make a better life for their families, Roxanne Mehlich said.

No one knows why they chose this virtually river-less section of Story

County, but she has a guess.

"Land," she said. "I'm sure they came here because land was available and cheap."

Gary Mehlich's great-grandparents came as part of the migration, as did his grandmother's family, the Markuschs. The other names, which still are common in the area, are Muschick, Mehlow, Schmellick, Riese and Hannusch.

But today, the descendants of those seven families are flung far and wide. Roxanne Mehlich's e-mail list of Wenden news goes to 10,000 names across the country.

It was from that list, plus local contacts, that Roxanne Mehlich and her counterpart in California, Cathy Petersen (of the Muschick lineage), sent

out invitations to Wenden Fest.

More than 126 people came from as far away as California, Utah, Oklahoma, Texas — which has a large population of Wends — and even one couple from Drachhausen.

The group took hay rides through the area where their ancestors cleared the land, and met in the barn that many of their forefathers helped raise.

"The barn is an important part of any farm," said Roxanne Mehlich, who is also a member of the Iowa Barn Foundation, "and we wanted it to be the center of this celebration."

The event was a success, she said, and they hope to make it an annual event.

They are also hoping to incorporate

soon as the Iowa Wenden Heritage Society and are looking for space to set up a Wenden heritage museum — hopefully, in nearby State Center, which was the city hub for the Wend families, she said.

"It's so important for people to have an appreciation of their roots," Roxanne Mehlich said. "It's that blending together of different cultures that makes America strong."

Although Roxanne Mehlich is a native of Zeiring, she is only Wendish by marriage.

Where are her roots?

"Mostly English, in fact I had descendants on the Mayflower," she said. "I can trace all sides of my family back to the 1300 to 1600s."

'Team America' not as funny as 'South Park'

It is clear early on in "Team America: World Police" that "South Park" creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker are not afraid to offend anybody. The best part is that they are so darn good at making it funny as hell.

Even the exploding opening credits poke fun at something — brainless action movies that seem to put more importance on special effects than anything else.

Once the credits are finished, the movie opens with a puppet using an even smaller puppet to do a show on a cheaply-drawn background of Paris. Once the camera moves up we see a surprisingly detailed model of the beautiful French city and its more memorable landmarks such as the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower.

This wonderful re-creation of Paris is

inhabited by goofy looking puppets that make up the characters in "Team America."

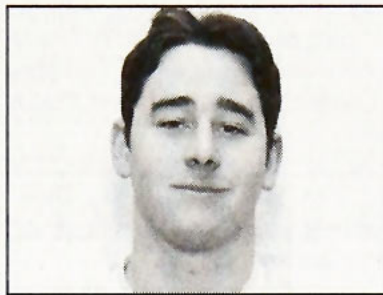
Yes, puppetry isn't exactly the most cutting edge way to tell a story these days, but Parker and Stone use the silly-looking dolls perfectly to show how incredibly silly the world is right now.

Parker and Stone are brilliant when it comes to pointing out how stupid some things are in our country: our obsession with actors and why we put so much stock in what they have to say about real life issues, how we believe America is the center of the world (every foreign city seen in the movie is accompanied with the distance from it to America) and how we insist on trying to be Big Brother to the rest of the world.

While not as laugh-out-loud hilarious as "South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut," "Team America" still has many funny moments. The highlight of the film is the many songs—some of them full production numbers—that make fun of everything from North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il to how

awful the movie "Pearl Harbor" is. The songs brought on many laughs from the audience, but the one that had me laughing the most was a song about movie montages playing while a montage was going on in the film itself.

Parker and Stone's targets are many, and they hit the mark frequently when making fun of actors such as Alec Baldwin, Matt Damon, Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins—only some of the actors



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that make up the movie's fictional Film Actors' Guild (I'll let you put that acronym together yourself) that are opposing the heroes of "Team America" and their shoot-em up style of world

defense. Other hilarious moments come from an obese Michael Moore puppet

Film
"Team America: World Police"

Movie Type
Action/Comedy

Running Time
105 minutes

Directed by
Trey Parker and Matt Stone

Cast
The voices of: Trey Parker and Matt Stone

MPAA Rating
R: for graphic violence, language, nudity and sexual situations; all involving puppets

Rating
4 stars out of 5

Rating Guide:
1 star = the worst of the worst
2 stars = forgettable
3 stars = decent
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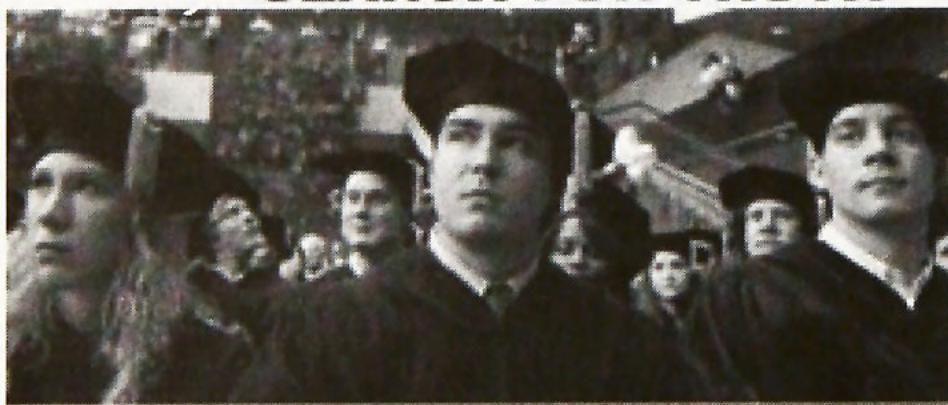
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Coach suspended for topless team

COLD SPRING, Minn. (AP) — The head girls swimming and diving coach at Rocori High School has been suspended while administrators investigate what happened when several members of the team swam topless at a practice.

Laura Molinari, who remained suspended Friday, described the incident as a "prank" and said she didn't know about it beforehand.

Molinari is in her first season as the Spartans' head coach after serving as an assistant in 2003. She's also a full-time nursing student at St. Cloud State University.

Rocori activities director Lonnie

Seifert said Molinari's future with the central Minnesota school district would be decided after the investigation was completed.

Superintendent Scott Staska said Friday he was hopeful the investigation would wrap up early next week. He said the inquiry was prompted by a complaint from a parent.

Molinari said the incident happened on what she called "Two-piece Tuesday," a once-a-year day when the girls wear two-piece suits to practice.

"The girls decided to play a prank and swim topless," she said. "There's really not much more to it. All I can say is that it was a swimming prank that got

out of hand. I had no prior knowledge (the girls would go topless)."

Molinari said the entire team did not participate. She would not say whether she contacted administrators about the incident or if they brought the issue to her.

"It really wasn't that big of an issue," Molinari said. "The situation was dealt with within 15 minutes."

Staska would not elaborate on the details of what happened, who might have seen the girls, and the coach's role, if any.

"We are still trying to get all the details of what happened," he said.

Suspected bank robber caught red handed

BILLINGS, Mt. (AP) — A suspected bank robber was caught — literally — red handed here Friday.

Randy Starnes, 47, was arrested after a passerby noticed him, with his hands dyed red, hiding under a parked cattle truck.

Police said someone went into the First Citizens Bank about 4:15 p.m. and gave a teller a note demanding money. He

did not show a weapon.

The robber was given an undisclosed amount of cash and he left on foot. In addition to a good description from witnesses, police knew to look for a person with red hands because a dye pack was included in the cash given to the robber.

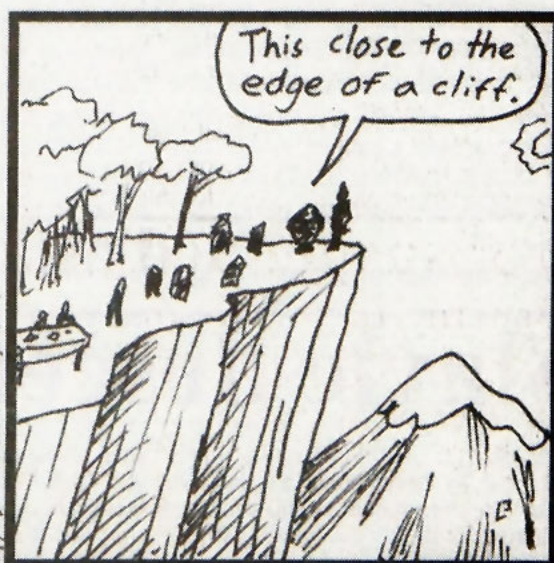
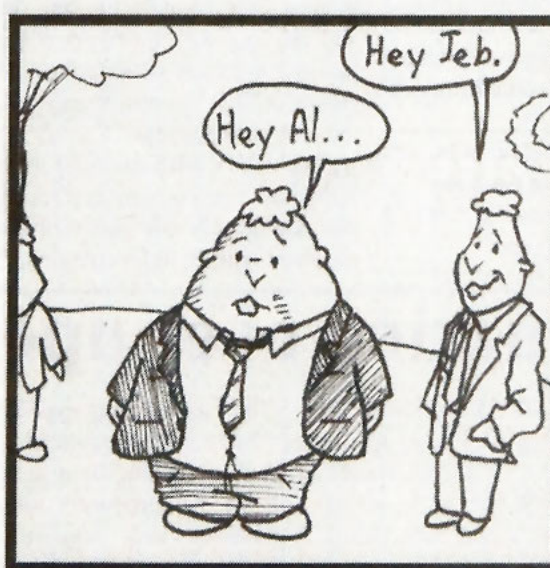
The suspected robber tossed the money, which officers found near the bank, Billings Police Sgt. J.R. Chap-

man said. The robber also shed an ink-splattered coat.

Officers searched for the robbery suspect for about an hour before a local man directed them to the man with red hands under the parked semitrailer, Chapman said.

Starnes, who police described as a transient, is jailed on suspicion of felony robbery.

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Program allows N.C. students to download music legally

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Four schools in the University of North Carolina system will participate in a pilot program that allows them to download music, movies and other copyrighted on the Internet for free.

Four providers—iTunes, Ruckus, Cdigix and Rhapsody—are participating in the test runs spearheaded by UNC system administrators who for years have been searching for a solution to illegal file-sharing on campus.

Universities are responsible for monitoring any computers hooked into their networks and are expected to remove copyrighted files that are shared illegally.

Several UNC system schools—including UNC-Chapel Hill—have been involved in legal battles over students' use of campus networks to illegally download files.

Dozens of universities have launched legal file-sharing programs in response to the music industry's push to stop illegal sharing. UNC is the first university system to do so.

"We lead a lot," said Tom Warner, director of coordinated technology for the UNC system. "That's one of the joys of being one of the largest university systems in the country."

The pilot schools—North Carolina A&T State, Western Carolina, UNC-

Wilmington and the North Carolina School of the Arts—were chosen based on interest and technological capabilities, Warner said.

The state's largest schools—UNC-CH and North Carolina State—are slated to join in the spring. If the pilot program proves successful, the entire UNC system would eventually be brought online.

Campuses would be able to select among the providers based on student feedback. Students probably will have to pay a fee for the program once the testing phase ends.

Similar services nationwide charge students \$2 to \$5 a month, officials said.

The cost of the test run will be covered by a major music label, which Warner said was impressed with UNC's ingenuity and agreed to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for the project. Warner declined to release the label's name or the cost of the pilot program.

The initiative was officially announced Thursday, but A&T has been testing the Ruckus service for about three weeks.

Ruckus offers about 500,000 songs from various labels, including Universal Music Group, Warner Music and Sony. Three other U.S. universities use the service, company officials said.

About 40 people — at least half of whom are students — already have access to Ruckus at A&T, said Sam Harrison, associate vice chancellor for information technology and telecommunications.

Students will be brought on in increasing numbers, and the entire campus could have access as early as this spring.

"We're just starting to get to the point where the rubber meets the road," Harrison said. "We'll start to ratchet it up, but we need to see how it goes."

Bands, singers making musical social and political statements

NEW YORK (AP) — After watching world events unfold, after hearing of too many deaths in too many places, Good Charlotte had something to say.

The pop-punk band known for twentysomething angst said it in "We Believe"—a song about the death of an American woman's son in Iraq and those who made the decisions to send people like her boy to war.

"We're not a political band. Music is what took us away from our problems," said guitarist/songwriter Benji Madden. "But sometimes life is too heavy and it is too hard, and you need to take a look at what's going on around you."

The hardest-fought election in decades hasn't just played out on television and radio. It hasn't just been spread across the pages of glossy magazines or quick turnaround celebrity books. Musicians are powering up their guitars, sitting down at their pianos and jumping into the fray.

Musicians have long been involved in political and social movements, from Woody Guthrie to Bob Dylan and James Brown to Public Enemy and John Mellencamp. But the latest incarnation of musical activism is bleeding across an astonishing number of genres and ages, giving voice to those often mute about election-year politics.

"Usually it comes from Hollywood. This is the first time I've ever seen the music community wanting to be part of it," said Tom Calderone, MTV's executive vice president.

In the past few weeks alone, Bruce Springsteen has launched his "Vote for Change" tour, the benefit to defeat President Bush; Green Day's punk-rock opera "American Idiot," which lambasts the president, debuted at No. 1; Russell Simmons' Hip Hop Action Network has plugged in its star wattage — from Beyoncé to P. Diddy to Will Smith — to register voters; and Travis Tritt, a Republican, and Mellencamp, a Democrat, have paired on "What Say You," a duet calling for political tolerance.

"I've always stood back from partisan politics... I felt that was the best way to go. I've done that for 20 years," Springsteen told the AP. But "In this particular election the decision is so clear, and the potential result so important to the country, that myself, along with a lot of other musicians and artists, felt democracy in the end is something you do."

Simmons said the involvement by musicians and performers in this political year is notable compared with other recent elections. Last year, he couldn't get people to do public service announcements to push voter registration. This year, he has many celebrities to choose from.

"All of them have something to say. It's in style," Simmons said.

Kevin Powell, hip hop activist and author of "Who's Gonna Take the Weight: Manhood, Race, and Power in America," said performers, much like many Americans, are searching for answers. "It's forcing people to take sides," he said. "Because artists have the ears of so many people, there's a lot being said."

Although most of the musical and political social statements are coming from those supporting Sen. John Kerry's bid for president, there is an active musical voice supporting Republicans. Recently, Kid Rock performed at a party honoring House Speaker Dennis Hastert during the Republican National Convention. Country singer Lee Ann Womack hit the campaign trail with Bush to sing her hit "I Hope You Dance" at a rally in Ohio. The Gatlin Brothers and Brooks & Dunn also performed during the convention.

Not everyone, though, believes speaking out is appropriate.

"The thing that artists have to realize, and a lot of them do and some don't, if you do come out and make your political feelings known, you are going to polarize people," said Tritt.

"I don't think 've ever seen the left so far left and the right so far right. There's very little middle ground right now," he

said. "I am not naive enough to believe I have all the answers."

Rocker Alice Cooper has said people shouldn't vote for a presidential candidate based on what a rock star has to say. But much of the musical discussion is coming from bands and performers that target the 18 to 24-year-olds, traditionally the least likely age group to vote. Exit polls from the 2000 election found that, of 48 million potential voters under the age of 30, only about 18 million of them went to the polls.

"For a 16-year-old high school student, most of his or her life has been spent in a time of unparalleled prosperity that would quickly become a time of unthinkable danger," said Joe Levy, deputy managing editor of Rolling Stone magazine. "It's by no means a surprise to find musicians or other young artists reacting to this."

Damian Kulash, frontman for the rock band OK Go (known for their hit "Get Over It"), said he has always shied away from being publicly political. But in what he calls a "light bulb moment," he sat down and wrote "How Your Band Can Fire Bush," a how-to-guide for bands to take part in the election process.

"It's not popular with everyone. If you were going to take the most Machiavellian stance you could ... it still seems to me the hardest thing a band can do is to mean something," he said.

"Not saying something seems like a total dereliction of duty."

The Music departed from its electronic-rock sounds of "Take This Long Road And Walk It" on their last album and wrote a song about the war, "Bleed From Within," for their upcoming album.

"It was a general feeling that I've had for some time and I just needed to get it down somehow," said lead singer Robert Harvey.

He said the inspiration came from a helpless feeling about the ongoing war.

war.

"I just hope that somewhere there's people who hear it and maybe feel the same way, and they wouldn't feel as isolated with what they think as I have."

Madden of Good Charlotte, who hit the musical landscape with the megahit "Lifestyles of The Rich and The Famous," admits the song is sad.

"I also think it's one of the most hopeful songs we've ever done," Madden said. "The song says we believe in people."

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Bad year for Asian lady beetles

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Rain that flooded basements last spring helped wash out annoying ladybug-like beetles, diminishing their numbers compared to recent years.

"People have said, 'Boy, where are they?'" said UW-Extension entomologist Phil Pellitteri, who keeps track of the Asian lady beetles across Wisconsin. "Compared to last year, it's apples and oranges. It's not anywhere near the same universe."

The heavy rain in May disturbed the orange and black bug populations and knocked down numbers of several other insect species, Pellitteri said. Soybean aphids, the lady beetles' favorite food, have also been down this year along with German yellow jackets.

Dick Freye, owner of Professional Pest Control in Madison, said his crews are out working on Asian beetle problems as usual for this time

of year, but are seeing fewer of them.

"This year doesn't seem to be as severe as it was a year ago," Freye said. "We've seen a lot but not as many as a year ago."

Freye said the beetle infestations in homes can be treated but complete control of the problem is unlikely. He advises homeowners who see lady beetles, which stain when squished, to simply vacuum them up.

Pellitteri said the beetles don't die, but hibernate inside walls during the winter. With the first warm day, he said, even if it's in the middle of December, the beetles will wake up and start moving around, although with limited food available they won't live long.

Pellitteri said the beetles get charged up after the year's first frost, which was in the first week of October. "The latest I've seen them go bonkers is on Halloween," Pellitteri said.

Prof suspended after death threats

LAFAYETTE, La. — A University of Louisiana at Lafayette physics professor was banned from the campus Wednesday and taken to the coroner's office for evaluation after threatening his class, university officials said.

Student Kacie Spears said professor Louis Houston lost control right after class began Wednesday morning and was yelling obscenities.

"Then he told us if we got out of our seats he's gonna kill us. He went on the black board and wrote '911 now', so we were really in fear for our lives," Spears told KATC-TV.

Spears said Houston slapped a student and then told his class

he was God.

After class ended, students left the room in Broussard Hall and someone called campus security.

Houston was taken to campus police to answer questions. Officials then evacuated Broussard Hall and canceled all classes there while police searched the building. University police contacted the FBI, State Police, and the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Department Intelligence Unit for assistance.

A bomb dog was also brought in to check for explosives, but nothing was found.

Spears said it wasn't the first time Houston had an outburst in class.

"He's always acted a little strange, he's yelled and cursed before, and this time we waited for it to stop, but it never did," Spears says.

Law enforcement officers transported Houston to the Lafayette Parish Coroner's Office to be evaluated for possible involuntary commitment to a mental health facility. In the meantime, Houston has been banned from the university's campus and his faculty duties have been suspended.

University officials said in a statement they would make a final decision about Houston's employment once a full investigation into the incident is complete.

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Minnesota-based company improves portable toilets

ST. PAUL (AP) — Let's get it out of the way immediately: The portable-toilet industry has image issues. We're talking about the stinking, unkempt biffy everybody has endured at least once, the pornographic scrawls on outhouse walls, the glance into the unsavory hole.

But that polyethylene shed looks mighty appealing to a construction worker or picnicker with a full bladder and nowhere to go — not even a nearby bush. Consider this: For every awful port-a-potty, there are dozens that, while not minty-fresh, are as clean and tidy as human hands can make them.

This is gospel at Satellite Industries. Executives there ought to know. The Plymouth-based company played a big role in creating the nation's portable-toilet industry and remains its market leader.

Satellite makes about 75,000 toilets a year, shipping them to construction sites, parks and outdoor festivals across the globe.

Like the portable toilet itself, Satellite has evolved from its beginnings in 1958. Today, most of its manufacturing is done by contractors in other states, and it no longer runs its own toilet-servicing operation.

But the company's brain trust remains in an unassuming concrete

building off Highway 55. There, the quest to build a better portable toilet — one impervious to the assaults of rowdy teenagers and as easy to clean as a kitchen counter — goes on every workday.

Ron Holmstadt is right at the heart of it. He's Satellite's director of product engineering, the guy in charge of research. Holmstadt arrived at Satellite in 1988, a critical time for the company.

Until then, the company had dual functions. It manufactured portable toilets, selling them to businesses that in turn placed the units in the field and then serviced them. But Satellite also had a substantial servicing business, essentially competing with its own customers.

In the late 1980s, two big national garbage haulers plunged into the portable-toilet business. They made it clear that if Satellite persisted in its dual role, they wouldn't buy the company's toilets. So Satellite sold its servicing business to focus on manufacturing.

Satellite then beefed up its research and development department, hiring more people, including Holmstadt, a veteran mechanical engineer and plastics specialist. Not that Satellite had ever been a slouch in product development; it has long been an industry pioneer.

Satellite's founder, Al Hilde, didn't invent the portable toilet, but he was one of the first to mass-manufacture it and develop a large-scale servicing business, said his son Todd, who now owns and runs the company.

A stint in the Army inspired the elder Hilde, now retired from Satellite.

"He's a fussy guy," Todd Hilde said. "The Army supplied good food, good shelter and good clothing, but there was one thing that was missing when they are outside all day long."

The one thing: proper sanitation facilities.

So, after he left the Army, Hilde built a wooden portable toilet and designed a toilet-servicing truck equipped with a vacuum pump and waste tank.

The wood versions, though, absorbed bad smells. Plus, it wasn't cost effective to ship them long distances because they were heavy and couldn't easily be broken down into components.

The advent of the plastic port-a-potty in the early 1970s changed all that. Not only were plastic toilets less prone to absorb odors, they also were light and could be shipped in pieces, opening up markets everywhere. "It extended our reach around the world," Todd Hilde said.

The Tufway model developed in the 1970s plastic revolution remains Satel-

lite's top seller, the "workhorse of the industry" as the company trumpets on its Web site.

Every few years, though, Satellite rolls out a new model. Take the Maxim 3000, christened in November 2000.

At about \$550, the Maxim costs about \$50 more than the Tufway. But with extra-smooth, double-panel walls, it is more durable and easier to clean.

The interior is roomier and the exterior looks "a little less outhouse-like," as Holmstadt put it.

The construction industry, with its bathroom-less work sites, accounts for about 70 percent of Satellite's sales. Outdoor festivals such as the Taste of Minnesota and the Renaissance Festival are the next biggest market.

Parks and other outdoor municipal or state properties come after that. Park toilets are the biggest culprits for any blemishes on the industry's image.

When governments cut budgets, they sometimes reduce the number of portable toilets they deploy, Hilde explained. Fewer toilets means remaining toilets get more use, getting filthier quicker.

Plus, toilet companies tend to put their oldest, most worn units in parks, he said.

There's a good reason for that, though, Hilde said. Toilets in parks and

picnic grounds usually sustain the most damage from the scourge of the biff business: the vandal.

"Vandalism is a very big issue," said Mike Pauling, head of Shakopee-based Biffs Inc., one of the Twin Cities' largest portable-sanitation firms and a longtime Satellite customer. Pauling says he loses about 50 to 75 units a year, costing Biffs at least \$20,000.

Teenagers account for much of the pillaging. Fire is a perennial favorite and seems particularly popular around the Fourth of July, said Dave Holm, head of St. Paul-based On Site Sanitation, another large local portable-sanitation firm. Fires usually result in a total loss, he said.

"They burn up pretty good," Holm said. "They melt right into the ground."

Graffiti is the most common form of vandalism, and the worst tags come from the dreaded magic marker.

When a portable toilet sits in the sun all day, magic marker bakes into its polyurethane skin. To get rid of it, toilet operators usually have to remove a thin layer of plastic, often through sanding.

"Whoever comes up with (the graffiti-proof toilet) will be making progress like you wouldn't believe," Holm said. "It will be leaps and bounds."

Taser guns soon available without permit in Minnesota

Minnesota stores will soon be able to sell stun guns as powerful as those used by police, despite growing concerns about the weapon's safety and occasional fatalities.

No permit or training is required in Minnesota for the \$999 consumer model of the Taser, which is already available on the Internet.

The Taser, an acronym for Thomas A. Swift Electric Rifle, delivers 50,000 incapacitating volts to its victims by way of two barbed darts attached to 15 feet of wire.

The Star Tribune reported Sunday that it has documented 105 cases nationwide since 1983 in which a person died after being shocked by police with an electric stun weapon. Three

people have died in Minnesota in the past 14 months, the newspaper said.

News accounts of 14 of the deaths nationwide quote coroners, medical examiners or forensic pathologists as saying the Taser may have been a contributing factor.

In the Minnesota cases, the Star Tribune said, public records do not cite a Taser as a factor in two deaths, and the information wasn't available on the third.

A spokesman for Taser International Inc., of Scottsdale, Ariz., told the newspaper the weapons don't kill, but actually save lives.

"We know that Tasers are used every day, and we will be involved in tragic incidents involving in-custody deaths that are very similar to in-custody deaths that have occurred when Tasers have not been used," Steve Tuttle said. "We have never been listed as a direct or primary cause of death in our company's existence."

When the Taser is used to prevent a dangerous situation from becoming worse, the company contends, the weapon should get credit for saving lives. Using that standard, they contend that 4,000 lives have been saved in the

past five years.

Police praise the Taser for its ability to bring a quick end to standoffs with violent suspects. Some law enforcement agencies say they have seen a drop in shooting deaths by police because officers have an alternative to firing their guns.

For example, St. Paul officer Eric Stevens was called to a domestic dispute a few months ago. A man was perched on his rooftop and threatening suicide. Stevens climbed out of a window and onto the roof, then shocked the man with his Taser to subdue him and defuse what had been a long standoff with negotiators.

But critics say the Taser might be more dangerous than death records indicate because its role can be masked by other health problems, such as heart disease or drug use, that could make a person more vulnerable to electric shock. In just more than half of the fatal cases involving Tasers, medical examiners have cited drug use or cardiovascular disease as the cause of death.

Taser International says about 5,400 law-enforcement agencies use the weapon, including 219 in Minnesota.

It's prohibited in at least seven states, including Wisconsin, and some cities, including Chicago,

New York City and Washington, D.C. While it's legal to carry one in Minnesota, it's a felony to possess one in Wisconsin.

Relatives of Raymond Siegler believe a Taser killed him, even though the coroner's report makes no mention of the weapon or electric shock.

Police were called to the Minneapolis group home for the mentally ill where he lived on Feb. 6. Authorities said Siegler was threatening people there, though the family doesn't think that's true.

Siegler, 40, was schizophrenic, slightly overweight and a smoker, and had stopped taking his medication.

An officer shot a Taser at Siegler and, according to the family, the barbs hit him in the neck and chest. He collapsed shortly afterward, went into cardiac arrest and never regained consciousness. He died seven days later.

The Hennepin County medical examiner listed a number of causes of death, including preexisting high blood pressure and heart disease.

"Our brother went right into cardiac arrest after being Tasered," said Siegler's sister, Kelly Dietrich, of Inver Grove Heights. "Do I think a Taser is safer than a gun? Yes. Do I think a Taser is perfectly safe? No. My concern is that Taser International is portraying this as a perfectly safe weapon."

At least two other men have died in Minnesota after being shocked by a Taser:

— Transient Walter C. Burks, who was arguing with customers at a convenience store in Minneapolis, died Aug. 7, 2003, within an hour of being shocked by police. His death certificate lists excited delirium associated with cocaine use, heart disease and pulmonary emphysema as causes of death.

— Cocaine addict James Arthur Cobb was shirtless and ranting when St. Paul police hit him with a Taser on June 9. Police also used their batons and chemical sprays to try to subdue Cobb. He died within two hours. His primary cause of death was excited delirium due to cocaine toxicity, according to the medical examiner's office.

Despite his son's death, David Siegler doesn't want to see the Taser put out of service, but rather used as a last resort.

"As far as I'm concerned, if you mess with a uniform, then whatever happens to you, you asked for it," he said. "Having said that, I think they're being sold a bill of goods. They're being told that Tasers are nonlethal, so they blast away until people can't move. They're killing people by accident."

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As it turns out, the small store would represent a big change in how Sony sells its televisions, DVD players and other gear.

Sony has quietly opened stores in seven other cities. The Japanese giant will open in its 11th and 12th U.S. stores this month, in Denver and Las Vegas, and expects to have about 30 Sony Style stores in the United States by April 2006.

Some retailers that sell Sony products worry they will lose sales. They also worry that if the stores are successful, other manufacturers will open stores, too.

"We're going to watch very closely what they do with these stores," said Tom Campbell, vice president of Ken Cranes Home Electronics Inc., a chain of eight stores in Southern California. "The manufacturer is becoming a potential competitor."

Apple Computer Inc. has opened 84 stores nationwide since 2001. Dell Inc. has its own kiosks, but neither depends much on other retailers to sell product — at least not to the extent that Sony, Panasonic Consumer Electronics Co. or Samsung Electronics America Inc. do.

Abt Electronics, which has a large store near Chicago, isn't hiding its displeasure.

"We want our vendor to be a vendor, not a retail competitor," said Mike Abt, president of the company's Internet unit.

Sony is moving into ritzy shopping malls based on a widely held belief that conventional electronics stores do a lousy job with women. Its storefronts sit next to Tiffany, Louis Vuitton, Sephora and other boutiques that appeal to women — a

stark contrast to the big-box electronics stores in strip malls.

Dennis Syracuse, vice president of Sony Style Retail, crashed a Tupperware party as part of his research to watch how women shop. His conclusion: women do more homework than men.

At every Sony store a "concierge desk" greets shoppers, because company research suggested the feature appeals to women. The aisles are wide enough for strollers. Televisions are perched on different stands, instead of lined in rows at the same height, to give shoppers a better sense of how they will look in their living rooms.

One thing is certain: you won't see crowds of men huddled at the televisions to watch college football on Saturday afternoons.

"It's a cardinal rule — don't show sports," Syracuse said. Even during the Olympics, televisions were tuned to the Discovery Channel and clips from Sony Corp. movies.

Syracuse, 56, worked for years in women's fashion, where it's common for manufacturers to have hundreds of their own stores even as they sell to department stores. By contrast, it's rare for an electronics company to set up shop next to its retailers.

When Samsung opened a 10,000-square-foot showroom in Manhattan last month, executives insisted they weren't going after anyone's sales. They called it an "unstore" and promoted free admission, as if it were an amusement park. Anyone who wants to buy the wares on display is sent to a nearby retailer.

"Our moral conscience, our business conscience, says our goal is to support (our retail) partners," said Peter Weedfald, Samsung's senior vice president of marketing.

The Sony boutiques are a departure from two large stores the company runs in New York and San Francisco. Sony closed a big store on Chicago's Michigan Avenue this year.

Sony says it hasn't been hawking bargains, and comparison shopping around Costa Mesa confirms that. Prices at its closest competitors were strikingly similar, although Sony sold a 42-inch plasma TV for \$8,000 — \$250 more than a Circuit City eight miles away. Best Buy matched Sony on two plasma TVs; one DVD player was \$10 more while another was \$10 less.

Sony's store carried a few gadgets that weren't sold at Best Buy or Circuit City, including its new 20-gigabyte \$400 digital music player, Sony's answer to Apple's iPod, and its latest lightweight Vaio laptop for \$3,000.

When scouting locations, Sony looks at shopping malls with the most sales in the nation's top 50 markets and bargains for the busiest sections of those malls.

The Costa Mesa store, which is next to Gucci, is about 6,000 square feet, roughly one-seventh the size of a Best Buy. The tight quarters means selection is limited to about 18 televisions, 15 computers and 12 camcorders. The stores offer everything from \$20 headphones to a

\$20,000 projection television.

On a recent Wednesday evening, men outnumbered women about four to one.

Armand Darbish, a 44-year-old engineer, left empty-handed in his search for a wireless networking card, disappointed with the small selection.

"They don't really understand the techie stuff," he said.

Alan Savitz, a Los Angeles physician, inched closer to buying a high-definition television after browsing with his wife for a half hour. He said the research was helpful, but he would never buy from a Sony store — Amazon.com would likely have the best price.

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Town celebrates Rolls-Royce

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — With the discreet glint of old chrome and a touch of gold plate, this city is celebrating the long-ago decade when it was the American home of Rolls-Royce.

The New England city where the American automobile industry was born in 1895 became an outpost of British craftsmanship and luxury when Rolls-Royce opened an assembly plant in 1921. It was the first and only outside Britain for the company that is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

"The object of Rolls-Royce was to build a car that would last a lifetime, not a decade," said Ed Lake of Ludlow, a founding member of the Rolls-Royce Owners Club. He was among dozens of owners who polished their cars for Saturday's gala tribute at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Lake has a 1930 Phantom I that was built in Springfield. "It is an amazing machine," he said. "When I got it in 1948 it had 80,000 miles on it. I've put on another 80,000 and it's still going very well."

There is still, at least one original owner. M. Allen Swift of Hartford, Conn., now 100, still has the two-tone green 1927 roadster he had built at the Springfield factory, said automotive historian John Webb deCampi.

The Springfield plant assembled 1,703 Silver Ghosts and 1,241 Phantoms, and more than half are still in existence,

deCampi estimated.

Springfield, then the center of the nation's gun industry, caught the eye of Rolls-Royce because of its leadership in both the precision machine and automotive industry, as well as its proximity to New York and Boston, deCampi said.

"We think of it now as an old industrial city," said Guy McLain, director of the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, which has a special exhibit on Rolls-Royce and the city's impact on the transportation industry. "But in 1920 it was the cutting edge."

Springfield is where brothers Charles and Frank Duryea launched America's first mass-produced, gasoline-powered automobile in 1895. The next year, according to tradition, Frank Duryea met Rolls-Royce co-founder Henry Royce when he took his car to England for the first Brighton-to-London race. Duryea took Royce for a spin in the racer that finished more than an hour ahead of the British competition, said Keith Kocot, a Springfield automotive history enthusiast.

Six years after the Duryea's birth, champion bicycle racer George Hendee and engineer Oscar Hedstrom started the American motorcycle industry with the Indian Motorcycle Manufacturing Co. By 1920, Indian's Springfield plant was the largest motorcycle manufacturer in the world.

At the same time, the Knox company

was specializing in big machines, including the nation's first motorized fire engines and big earth-movers. They inspired some of the fanciful gadgetry in the children's books written by Springfield native Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss.

Initially, Rolls-Royce imported all its parts from England and its Springfield cars were exactly the same as those built at its British plant, down to the right-hand drive.

Soon, however, the sprawling plant that employed 1,200 people was using American-made parts and designs, including a three-speed transmission.

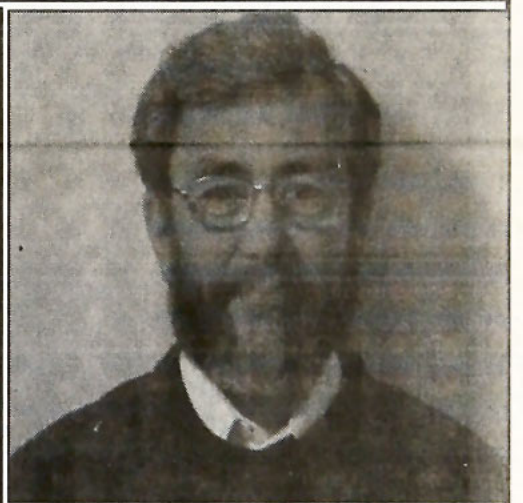
The Depression wiped out the U.S. market for a car that then sold for more than \$12,000, the price of a big house at a time when a fancy Packard went for \$3,500.

The Springfield plant closed in 1931. Today it is the home of Titeflex, which makes specialized hoses for the space and aviation industry.

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This Week in Warriorland

Football at MSU-Moorhead, Sat., 1 p.m.

Volleyball vs. MSU-Moorhead, Fri., 6 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Northern State, Sat., 3 p.m.

Cross country at NSIC Invitational, Sat.

Soccer vs. Wayne State, Fri., 6 p.m.

Soccer vs. SW Minn. State, Sat., 3 p.m.

Next Week

■ A week in the life of Winona State punter Pat Hurley is full of interesting things.

■ The cross country teams are running in the NSIC championship meet, see how they did.

■ Catch up on the rest of the Warrior action from this week.

Soto succeeding despite injuries

John Huggenvik
WINONAN

Amelia Soto was named Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference athlete of the week for the second time this season last week, after a 31st place finish at the Division III Pre-National meet in Colfax, Wis.

Soto's finish in the 6,000-meter race would be comparable to a time of 19 minutes, 40 seconds in a 5,000-meter race, the fastest 5k time to date in the NSIC.

Soto is the only runner in the NSIC to garner the runner of the week honors more than once this season, a feat that has not come easy for the Victoria, Minn., native.

The WSU senior has come from the shadows last year to be the Warriors' most productive runner this season, finishing in the front of the WSU pack in every race of the year, but the senior would rather skirt the lime light than bask in it.

"She thrives in the shadows," WSU coach Neal Mundahl said. "She likes to do well for personal reasons.

She does her own thing. She doesn't really like the notoriety and the recognition doesn't seem to matter to her."

Soto has had trouble in seasons past, struggling with injuries throughout her cross country career. She suffered a minor concussion from a bicycle accident in August 2003 as well as whiplash from a car accident in the same month.

Soto was also hit by a car while riding her bike, injuring her back, ankles, neck and knees.

"I guess I built a high tolerance for pain," Soto said. "It is nice not having to worry about it, knowing that the pain will only make me stronger."

Soto missed the all-conference team by one place last season, finishing in 11th place in the conference meet. The finish has driven her to improve, running countless miles in order to improve her times.

"Last year was a disappointment for her," teammate Melissa Meyer said. "That will always hang around in the back of her mind."

Running also gives Soto a release

from the day and all that surrounds her.

"Running is a nice stress reliever," Soto said. "It grows on you, kind of like brushing your teeth. It is my alone time."

Soto, while apprehensive to disclose the actual mileage she turns in every day, will admit to running in the upper teens everyday.

"I have people from off the street telling me 'Hey I saw that one girl running again,'" Mundahl said. "And this is coming from a girl that didn't run cross country before college."

Soto originally intended to play soccer for one year at Winona State and then transfer away, but after late enrollment left her off the team, she decided cross country would be the outlet she would use for her talents.

"I am a hardcore soccer girl," Soto said, "but if I would have tried out for the soccer team, I would have had to come in and try out in front of a team that was already chosen. It was kind of intimidating. My high school track coach was really the one who encouraged me to go out for cross country. I

enjoyed the team and the second family."

Soto's training has also been hampered by other extra-curricular activities that have left her absent during multiple track seasons.

Soto spent an entire track season in Spain while studying abroad and then an entire indoor season while in Costa Rica.

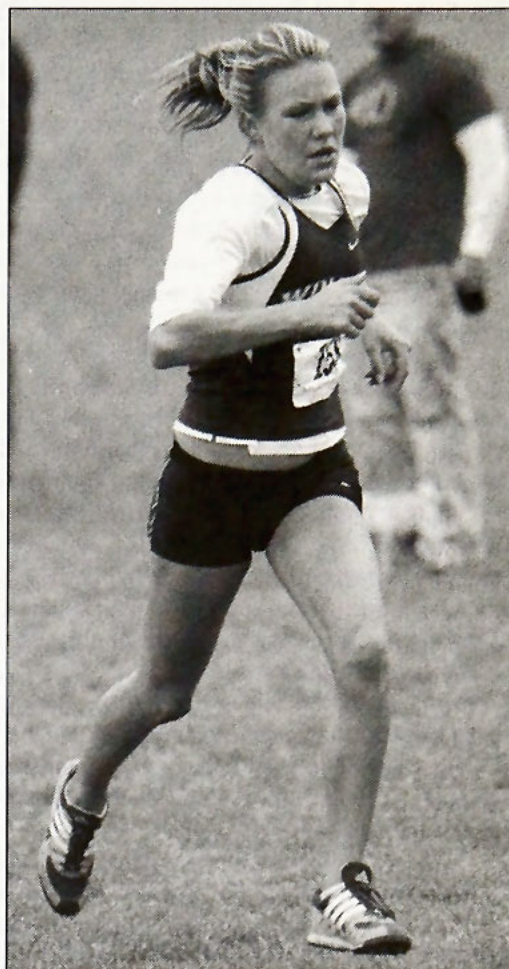
Soto shares a leadership role on the cross country team with team captains Heidi Inabnit and Nicole Coleman.

"Amelia is more of the lead by example type of person," Mundahl said. "She is more quiet than others who do more motivating."

Soto isn't afraid to step up to the plate and take her turn as team leader but she sees what she does in a similar light.

"I want to motivate and inspire," Soto said. "I want to set an example with what I do."

Soto's hard work will have a chance to showcase itself this weekend at the NSIC championships.



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Amelia Soto runs at the Warrior Invitational Saturday at Lake Park. Soto and the Warriors took third place.

WSU piles up points against Wolves; stays unbeaten in NSIC

Ian Stauffer
WINONAN

If things were looking up for the Winona State University football team after the big win over Bemidji State University two weeks ago, things are

looking way up after last week's win over Northern State University.

The Warriors destroyed Northern State University 60-28, and at the same time, three of the teams ahead of Winona State in the Northwest Regional rankings lost. Even with those losses

and their win, the Warriors, who were ranked fifth, did not change positions in Monday's poll.

If the season ended today, Winona State would play at Grand Valley State University in the first round of the playoffs and the winner would play at top-ranked Michigan Tech.

On Saturday, the Warriors scored so many points, even the men's basketball team got on the scoreboard.

Jeff O'Donnell, who played four years of basketball at Winona State before going out for football this fall, scored the last of the Warriors' eight touchdowns in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference win at Maxwell Field at Midwest Wireless Stadium.

"(Back-up quarterback Ryan) Eversman came over afterwards and told me that was the most open he'd ever seen me," said O'Donnell, whose touchdown was the first reception of his career. "If it been basketball, I probably would have missed the shot."

All-American Chris Samp took care of the rest of the receiving, pulling in nine passes for 180 yards and four touchdowns, tying a school record he already held. Samp also caught four scores against Northern last year.

"Everything on our offense is really coming together right now," said Samp, who now has a touchdown catch in 15 consecutive games. "The running game is working, and that is opening up our passing game. The passing game is working, and that is opening up the running game."

The Warriors (4-0 NSIC, 7-1 overall) extended their home winning streak to 24 games with the win over Northern, again avenging their last loss at home, which came to Northern State back in 1999.

Winona State outgained Northern State by almost 300 yards, piling up 335 yards on the ground and another 304 through the air.

"We want to be a 50/50, balanced offense, and we did a nice job of that today," WSU coach Tom Sawyer said. "We played a nice game, and controlled the game on both sides of the ball."

Bounthavy Khamrathnong led the way for the Warriors' rushing attack, going for 111 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries. Dave Cruz added two rushing touchdowns and 58 yards before leaving in the second quarter after taking a hard hit on a punt return.

"We just worked really well today as a group," said Nate Daniels, the anchor of the Warriors' offensive line. "Our goal was to get downfield, and keep

playing well after a good game last week. The rushing yards are really the only stat offensive linemen have, and it means a lot to us when our backs do well."

Winona State scored the first 28 points of the game, getting an 8-yard touchdown run from Cruz on the game's opening drive, and then touchdown catches of 6, 13 and 5 yards by Samp.

Two of the drives that ended with Samp touchdowns started when the Warriors' defense intercepted Northern State quarterback Toby Korrodi, who finished with 313 yards passing, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

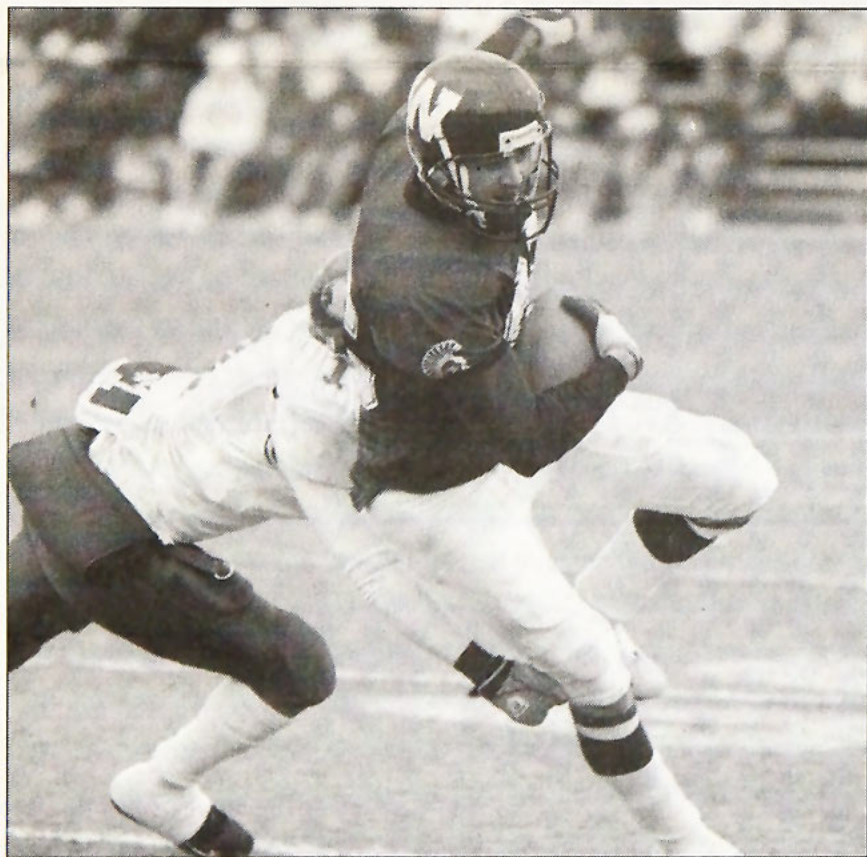
Linebacker Jay Fogelson got the first interception, and the second came from 6-foot-5, 280-pound, defensive lineman Roy Kratt, who laid out to snag a ball just before it hit the ground after a big hit by John Tackmann deflected a pass 25 feet into the air.

A Cruz touchdown and a field goal by Eric Kraus made it 38-7 at halftime.

Khamrathnong's touchdown made it 44-14, and Samp's fourth touchdown, a 55-yarder, made it 50-21. O'Donnell's score and another field goal rounded out the Warriors' scoring.

All four of Samp's touchdowns came from Brian Wrobel, who threw for 257 yards on 17 of 27 passing.

Winona State plays next on Saturday at MSU-Moorhead before returning home next week for Wayne State College in the final regular-season home game.



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

Chris Samp attempts to get away from a tackle by Northern State defensive back Shawn Warren on Saturday at Maxwell Field. The wide receiver caught nine balls for 180 yards and four touchdowns.

2004 NSIC Football

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Warriors	4-0	7-1
Bemidji State	3-1	6-2
Concordia-St. Paul	3-1	6-2
Northern State	2-2	3-4
SW Minn. State	2-2	4-4
Wayne State	1-3	2-6
Minn.-Crookston	1-3	1-6
MSU-Moorhead	0-4	0-8

Soccer still in NSIC race after falling to Northern

Ian Stauffer
WINONAN

Despite a loss to Northern State University on Sunday, the Winona State University women's soccer team is still in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference race.

The Warriors (3-1 NSIC, 10-3-2 overall) started the weekend undefeated in the conference, and stayed that way with a 2-0 win over Bemidji State University on Saturday in Bemidji, Minn.

Amy Budish and Kallie Tellefsen scored the goals for Winona State. Budish also tallied the assist on Tellefsen's goal.

Kristin Nelson stopped all four shots she faced to get her seventh shutout of the season.

On Sunday, Winona State traveled to Aberdeen, S.D., for a

meeting with Northern State. The Warriors and Wolves were picked to finish first and second respectively in the preseason coaches' poll, but it was Northern State that got the best of WSU with a 2-0 win.

Heather Bartlett scored Northern's first goal in the 62nd minute and Suanne Lampert put in the second one with less than three minutes remaining in the game.

NSU goalie Theresa Alexander stopped all four of Winona State's shots on goal, while Nelson came up with three saves.

The Warriors are still a half game up on Northern State (2-2, 9-7), which lost its first two games before bouncing back for two wins last weekend.

Winona State is now a half game behind Southwest Min-

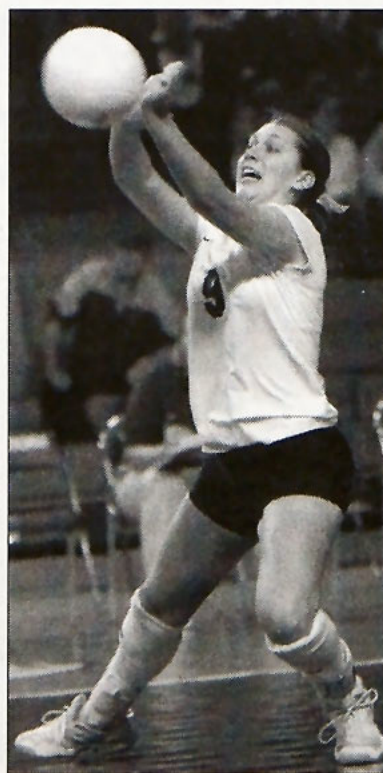
nesota State University (4-0, 7-7-1) in the conference race with the Mustangs coming to Winona this weekend for a game that will likely decide the conference.

The loss to Northern State will also hurt the Warriors' regional ranking. Winona State was ranked third in the region, but a loss to an unranked team will likely take Winona State out of the top four and out of the playoff hunt.

Budish has the most goals (7) and points (18) on the team, while Abbey Bollig and Kayla Walters each have four goals.

Nelson has now given up 11 goals in 15 games, a .71 goals per game average.

The Warriors play Wayne State at 6 p.m. on Friday before the matchup with Southwest Minnesota at 3 p.m. on Saturday.



Doug Sundin/WINONAN

The Warriors Lisa Dobie gets under a kill attempt last week against Upper Iowa University at McCown Gym. Winona State won the match in three games.

Volleyball splits

Dan Chies
WINONAN

The Winona State University volleyball team split their two decisions last week, earning a non-conference win over Upper Iowa University, and losing to conference powerhouse Concordia-St. Paul.

Last Wednesday, Upper Iowa came to McCown Gymnasium, and like the last time the two teams played back on Sept. 21, the Warriors were victorious. Winona State won in straight sets (30-21, 30-22, 30-20) for the first time since Sept. 4.

It was a banner day for the Warrior offensive unit, as Molly Horihan led the team with 14 kills and a .520 hitting percentage, Sara Goldstrand had 18 digs, and Kaylan Lati turned a rare double-double for Winona (1-7 NSIC, 7-17 overall), with 11 kills and

11 digs.

Mindy Peters and Lisa Dobie also had 11 digs apiece, and Dobie dished out 43 assists. Goldstrand also pitched in five service aces.

On Saturday, the Warriors made the drive up the river to take on Concordia-St. Paul for the second time in 11 days.

The Golden Bears, who are ranked fourth in the country and second in the North Central Region, were not kind to the Warriors, and swept them for the second time this season (30-13, 30-21, 30-26).

Megan Pulvermacher and Kiersten Arendt led Winona State with 10 kills apiece, and Goldstrand and Lati each had more than 15 digs.

The Warriors invite Moorhead and Northern State into McCown Gym this weekend. Winona State and Northern State are tied for last place in the conference.

Sports

On the ball...Chris Samp the next Heisman?

Until about 11:15 a.m. Monday, I had no idea what I was going to write this column about.

Nothing in the last seven days had particularly irked me. I've written about speeding on the interstate. I've written so much about football my head is actually turning into a football. I don't know enough about soccer. And the other sports happening right now are, well, not doing very well.

And then, as I was smashing my head into the wall looking for something to write about, my friend, Greg White, instant messaged me a Web site.

As I perused this site, I nearly fell off my chair laughing.

It wasn't because this Web site was false or preposterous, but simply because this entire Web site was dedicated to the greatness of Chris Samp, wide receiver, Winona State University.

Now, don't get me wrong. I think Samp is a great wide receiver, probably the best in all of Division II football, and perhaps better than a large handful of Division I receivers.

But this Web site, well, it's more of an obsessive weblog than a Web site, makes Samp out to be the greatest receiver in the history of football, as well as the greatest person to ever walk the Earth.

The Web site, which is only about two weeks old, was set up by one of

Samp's friends from high school, but the creator is referred to only as Miller.

I found this Miller and talked to him. His first name is Tim, and he cleared a few things up. He went to high school with Samp, and he started the site because "if you google Chris Samp, you don't get any hits. It's to get him some publicity and to be humorous."

The site starts out with an introduction: "This website is dedicated to the greatest football player in college right now, and possibly ever. Soon enough the whole country will hear the name of Chris Samp being announced at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City as he receives the Heisman Trophy. But, for now, here is a short introduction to the man they call SuperSamp."

Hey Miller, it's a great idea, but I don't think the publicity is going to get Samp the Heisman. You should focus on the Harlon Hill, the Heisman equivalent for Division II football.

The intro goes on to describe Samp's high school days, during which he was "Grandmaster of the chess club, Chief Reticorian of the debate club, and Czar of the Student Council." The Czar position used to be president, but the student body "flourished to such an extent under (Samp's) rule that he was declared Czar by popular opinion."

Later, Miller calls Winona State "the greatest educational institution in the

Midwest, if not the entire country. If Jesus had lived in America, he would have gone to Winona State."

One quote actually calls Samp "a better man than the pope and Gandhi combined."



Ian Stauffer

SPORTS EDITOR

I talked to Samp, and he said he had no idea the site was being made, and he even sounded a little embarrassed that a journalist found out about it.

"My family actually told me about it last weekend, and I figured it had to be about another Chris Samp or something," Samp said. "I looked at it and realized that it was some buddies from home."

"I just want everyone to know that the site is a complete joke. Those guys are the biggest comedians in the world. Hopefully word doesn't get around. I don't need to give other teams a reason to come after me."

Each week since the first posting, Miller has put up game previews, game results, and most recently, Miller has created a posting board for others to give their opinion of Samp's greatness.

One of these postings talks about Samp's longest career touchdown reception, which is mistakenly listed as 235 yards on his bio on the Winona State athletics Web site.

The posting queries, "How much greater can you be? After initially scoring the first touchdown of 35 yards, SuperSamp turned around and ran the length of the field twice before being stopped. No doubt he tripped on his back or it would have been something like a 568 yard reception. What a machine!"

I made a post after I found the site, saying Samp's statistics at a Division I school would not be as good as at Winona State, and Miller responded saying, "Samp would have numbers that are merely astounding, as opposed to being godlike as they currently are."

Even the name of Samp's position, wide receiver, apparently isn't good enough.

"Samp has scholars of the game redefining the way they think about positions. Should he be considered merely a wide receiver in light of the profound way he can influence an entire game? Many say a new description is

needed in order to fully account for his greatness. Proposed titles include "Hyper-juggernaut extreme," "Offensivus Maximus," and "G.O.A.T." (Greatest Of All Time)."

Before the Bemidji State game a few weeks ago, Miller said the game had a chance to be close if Samp had been playing in a wheelchair. After the game, in which Samp caught two touchdowns on the way to a big win, Miller's posting lamented Samp's statistics, saying Samp's 36.2 yards per catch average showed his greatness because, "most receivers would simply go down after the 36 yards, but Samp is not content with a mere 36 yards. No, he stretches and pummels his way for that extra two tenths of a yard."

I must say that a Web site like this, although a little scary, is very funny and goes a long way in making Samp, who is the greatest athlete to ever play for Winona State, feel better about himself.

What am I saying? Samp isn't the greatest athlete ever at Winona State; he's the greatest athlete ever, in the history of football. Uh oh, I think the Web site is rubbing off on me.

If you would like to make a posting, or just read the things others have said, check out Miller's Web site at <http://blog.lib.umn.edu/mill1991/samp/>. Ian Stauffer can be reached at WinonanSports@hotmail.com

River Falls wins XC Invite

John Huggenvik
WINONAN

The Winona State University cross country team hosted its only home meet of the 2004 season, showing some colorful school pride in the process.

The women's team sported some interesting garments, ranging from tie-dye shirts and butterfly wings to neon tights and striped leg warmers of all colors. Even a zebra print skirt made it into the race.

"We all went to Target together and they had a bunch of crazy clothes," sophomore Laura Taylor said. "It is tradition and this is our only home meet of the year, so we decided to go all out. With Halloween right around the corner, it makes it

that much more fun."

Underneath the colorful attire was the same cross country team though, and they scampered their way to a third place finish, ahead of Concordia-St. Paul.

Amelia Soto led the way with a third-place finish and a time of 20 minutes. Heidi Inabnit was close behind with a time of 20:17 and a fifth-place finish. Nicole Coleman came in sixth place in 20:25.

Following those three were Kathryn Mueller (21:53), Melissa Meyer (21:54), and Stephanie Nelson (21:57).

Shuei Kato was the first Winona State runner to cross the finish line during the men's race, taking home 14th place and helping guide his team to a fourth-place finish.

Following Kato were Nick

Hartlep (30:45), Nick Krumholz (30:47), Greg Felling (31:49), Jason Mork (32:22) and Alex Ruter (33:57).

"Kato is our top guy," WSU coach Neal Mundahl said. "He and everyone else ran a little slower today because of the cold and the wind but it was still a fun race."

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls took home the team and individual titles in both events. Concordia-St. Paul finished second in the men's race followed by Saint Mary's.

SMU finished second in the women's race as well.

The Warriors will be back in action this weekend at the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championships in Wayne, Neb.

Fall a plus for women's golf

Dan Chies
WINONAN

Winona State University women's golf coach Robert Newberry summed up his team's fall-season performance better than anyone else could have.

"Coming into the fall, we had lost our top three scorers from last year, but we had a lot of women returning," Newberry said. "I was confident in the team that they could perform at the same level as last year, but we would have to play very well, and we did."

"We improved our finishes every meet, our scoring average went down, and we finished second in the conference. There aren't too many bad things you could say about our season."

In their first official tournament of the year, the University of Minnesota Invitational, the women finished eighth out of 12 teams, but six of those teams were Division I schools.

The next weekend the women traveled to Marshall, Minn., to play in the Southwest Minnesota State Invitational, where they earned fifth place. After that, the Warriors were at home in the Best Western Riverport Inn Classic, and shot their way to third place.

Winona State was catching fire at the right time, as the next and final weekend

was the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championships.

The Warriors put together enough scores to finish in second place and at the same time, get three all-conference mentions. It was the sixth straight time Winona State has finished second in the fall conference tournament and the second year in a row that three Warriors have been all-conference.

"We really wanted the conference title, and once again we felt short," Jennifer Watters said. "I think a break will help us recuperate, and then we will be ready to get back out there and do well this spring."

Junior Samantha Wolf was the leading scorer for the Warriors, averaging 84.5 over all rounds.

Sophomore Alyssa Halvorson was right behind her with 85.1 average.

"Overall, my scores were lower, but I struggled to stay consistent, something that I will definitely work to improve in the future," said Wolf, who had the three lowest rounds of the season for the Warriors, including a season-low 77 in the first meet of the year.

Halvorson moved up spots from week to week (35th-12th-10th-5th) and joined Wolf on the all-conference medal podium after the NSIC meet.

"I feel I am playing the

best golf of my life right now, and I love it," said Halvorson, who was the only other Warrior to score below 80 in a round. "As a team, I hope we pick up our game because we have the talent to give our opponents a run for their money."

The other Warrior to earn all-conference was Nikki Wilson, who shot three of her best rounds of the season at the conference meet.

"The girls worked hard over the summer to improve their games, and continued to do so during the fall, and their hard work paid off," Newberry said. "We played this season as well as I could have anticipated. I'm sure the girls are ready for the break. We played a ton of tournaments, but we should come out in the spring just as strong."

The Warriors averaged an 87.6 per round as a team, one of the best scores in a long time for Winona State.

Contributing to this average along with Wolf, Halvorson, and Wilson, were Watters, Jessica Nelson, Holly McKenzie, Marni Nielson, and Jill Staudt.

Freshmen Krista Tauscher and Sarah Shoemaker saw limited time during the fall as well.

The first spring tournament for Winona State hasn't been announced yet, but it should be in late March or early April.

No change in NSIC standings in real life or fantasy football

Ian Stauffer
WINONAN

Through eight weeks, things are starting shape up in the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, both in real life and in fantasy football.

The fantasy race appears to be down to two people Greg and Rick. Greg had the biggest week in Week 8, riding Samp and Bemidji quarterback Nathan Sannes to 99 points.

In real life, Winona State is a half game up on Bemidji and Concordia. The game between Winona State and Concordia on Nov. 6 in the Metrodome will likely decide the conference champion.

Standings

Rick Solem (WDN)	575
Greg White (KQAL)	566
Ian Stauffer (Winonan)	496
Adam Crowson (Winonan)	462
Dan Chies (Winonan)	432
John Huggenvik (Winonan)	249

Top 5 from Week 8

■ **Chris Samp, WR, WSU:** (33 points) The All-American wide out caught nine balls for 180 yards and four touchdowns, including three scores in the first half.

■ **James McNear, QB, CSP:** (32 points) The junior ran for two touchdowns and threw two more, accounting for 284 yards, including 118 on the ground in a 34-20 win over MSU-Moorhead.

■ Brian Wrobel, QB, WSU:

(29 points) The senior quarterback completed 17 of 27 passes for 257 yards and four touchdowns, all of which went to Samp.

■ SMSU Defense: (21 points)

The Mustangs bent, but did not break, and caused four turnovers in a 37-30 win over Wayne State College.

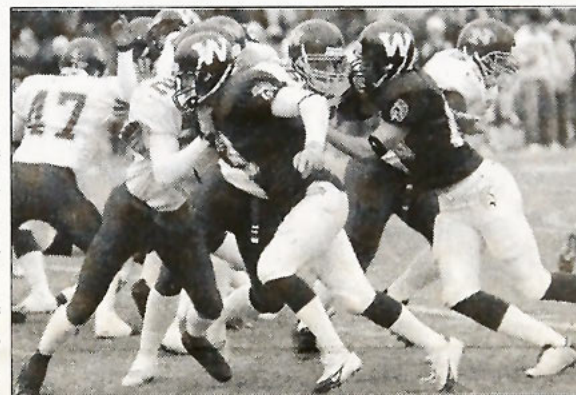
■ Ray Denson, WR, SMSU:

(20 points) Denson caught eight passes for 171 yards and two second-half touchdowns for the Mustangs in a come-from-behind win over Wayne.

Ian's Picks for Week 9

■ **Last week:** I got all four games right last week, but mostly because they were all pretty obvious picks. My season record is now 12-4 thru four of seven weeks. I think I've got another perfect week coming, with one upset this week

■ **Winona State at MSU-Moorhead:** The Dragons hung



The Winona State defensive line pushes back Northern blockers to rush the quarterback.

Doug Sundin/WINONAN

with Concordia-St. Paul last week, but that won't be the case against Winona State. Look for the Winona State running game to be successful against Moorhead, which is allowing a conference-high 236.5 rushing yards per game. The Warriors will win big.

■ **Concordia-St. Paul at Wayne State:** Wayne almost pulled off an upset at Southwest Minnesota last week, and Concordia has been very inconsistent

this year. But I just don't see the Wildcats coming up with a way to slow down speedy CSP quarterback James McNear. Concordia wins.

■ **UM-Crookston at Southwest Minnesota:** Amazingly, Crookston held with Bemidji last week and only lost by eight points. The Golden Eagles have something of a chance against Southwest, but I don't think they can pull out the win on the road. I expect the Mustangs to win by double digits.

■ **Bemidji State at Northern State:** This one is my upset special. Bemidji State got spanked two weeks ago, and Northern is hungry for a win after getting beat by 32 points by Winona State. This one should be a shootout with two weak defenses and two strong offenses, but I think the Northern offense is faster and can score more points. Northern State will win, but not by much.

Men's clubbers had strong season

Dan Chies
WINONAN

The Winona State University men's golf team defended their Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship and had one of the most successful seasons in school history this fall.

Winona's head coach, and the NSIC's Coach of the Year, Mark Bambenek, was happy about the fall and the prospects of the spring.

"This fall was as successful as we could have been, and we won the big one at the end of the year," Bambenek said. "If we can play like that all year, we will make a good run, but the break is a big question mark."

Their first official meet was the Irv Kaiser Invitational, where WSU took third of 17 teams.

Next was the Central Region Invite, where Winona State took fourth of 11 teams. The team

rounded out the fall by winning the NSIC Championships.

Four golfers were named to the all-conference team.

Bret Toftness won the meet, while freshman Troy Merritt, freshman Matt Horel, and senior Justin Carrier finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

For the spring, the team's first goal is to earn a spot at the Super Regional, which takes the top eight teams in the region.

Coach Bambenek projects his team as fourth in the region and first in the conference.

Individually, freshman Troy Merritt led the team in scoring average with 75.6. He took first in an exhibition meet against Saint Mary's, and reeled off three top-fives, took third in conference to end the season, and had the most rounds of 73 or under on the entire team (four).

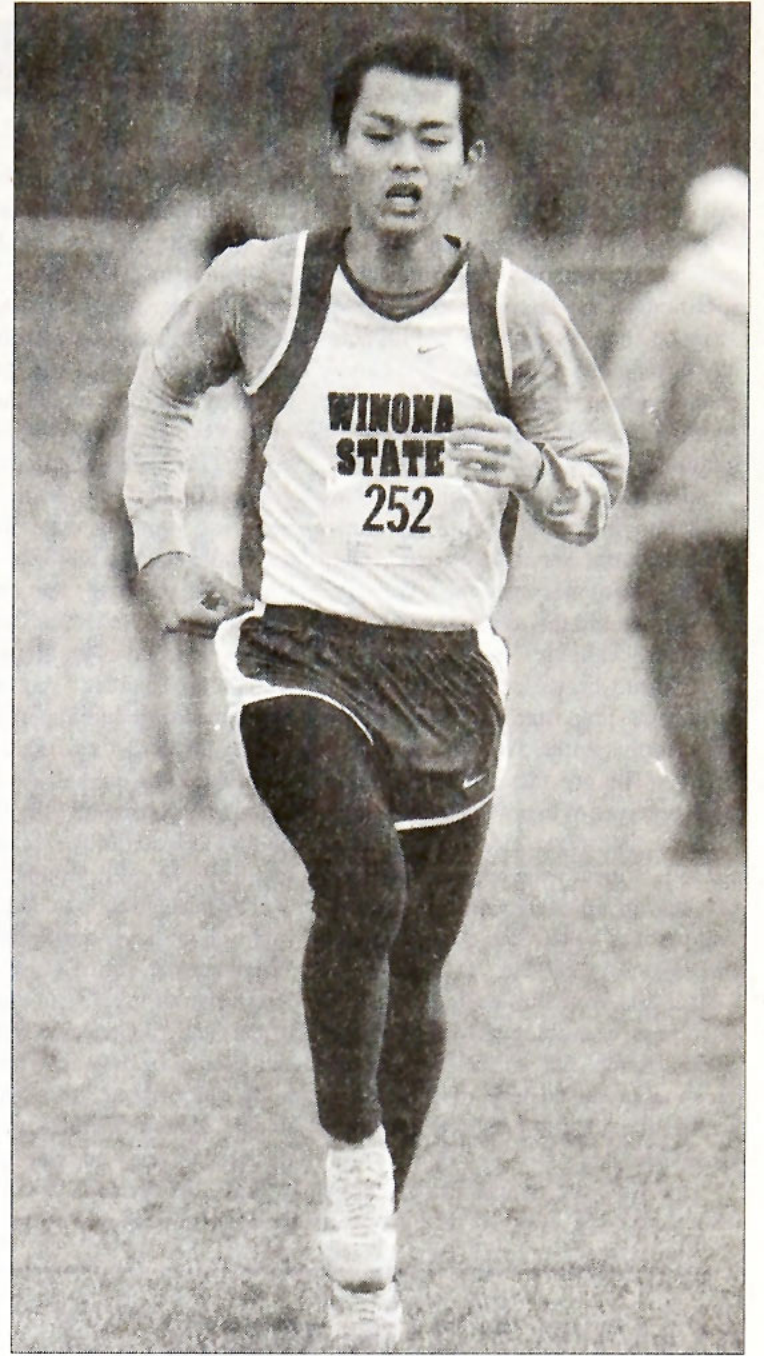
"This year has been unbeliev-

able," Merritt said. "At first, I was just trying to earn a spot on varsity, and then I end up being a real contributing member of the team. It was great traveling with the older guys on the team, and I learned a lot from them even though I had to sleep on the hotel floor more than once. I loved every minute of it, and I hope we come out firing in the spring."

Toftness, who is a sophomore, highlighted his fall by shooting a 147 and taking first at the NSIC. Toftness was on a rollercoaster more than anyone, but did have three rounds in the low 70s, including a 70, the team's lowest round of the season.

Carrier and senior Caleb Turbett had up-and-down fall seasons.

Looking to the spring, Bambenek is encouraged by the team's fall, and expects the battles on the team to be even more heated.



While the baseball playoffs are in full swing, the Warrior nation is nearing the end of the fall season, but it isn't over yet (clockwise from top left): Winona State University running back **Alex Wiese** (29) runs away from Northern State linebacker **Sione Tupou** (55) while **Kyle Owens** looks for someone to block; **Shuei Kato** runs to a 14th place finish Saturday at the Winona Invitational at Lake Park; **Greg Felling** (front left) and the rest of the Winona State cross country team takes off at Lake Park; left tackle **Pete Kucharas** prepares to block an oncoming Northern State lineman; Winona State sophomore runner **Heidi Johnson** shows off her school spirit Saturday, wearing a zebra skirt, fishnet stockings and leg warmers. Photos by Doug Sundin and text by Ian Stauffer.

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